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Letters from Mrs. Charles E. Walker
Sec'y

1889, Jany 2d To Rev. John B. Devins, Tribune Office, New York, N.Y.
I will make note of your request and see that a speaker is sent to you for the first Thursday in February. Miss Robertson will not be in the city at that time. If you still desire a speaker to represent the Indian work, perhaps we can arrange with Rev. Joseph McCarroll Leiper who has recently visited Indian Territory to talk to your people. He is so impressed with the work that he offers to go as a missionary to that Territory

1889, Jany 2d - To - Mrs. J. A. Adams, San Francisco, Calif.
Although I have had no reply to my letter informing you of your election to the office of Vice-President of the Woman's Executive Committee I cannot abandon the hope that you accepted the position and are cooperating with us in the great work to which we have been called.
As we are at this time passing through a financial crisis, I am writing the Vice-Presidents of our Executive Committee regarding the situation and asking their hearty co-operation in our effort to remove our present embarrassment.
The expenses of our school work have increased largely. As it is the result of the very successful growth of the schools under our care we cannot deplore the situation. The current expenses of all our industrial schools have increased because of a larger number of pupils; and salaries because of added teachers, and necessary assistants at many points. Contributions to our treasury have not increased correspondingly and at present we are overwhelmed with debt and the anxiety on account of it. One regret of our Woman's Executive Committee is that the wide distance separating us from the workers on the Pacific Coast has prevented closer acquaintance, and we have not been as helpful as the case would have been otherwise. What will California do to help in this emergency? We must look to the various synods for relief which of necessity must come through increased contributions. The January Home Mission Monthly has suggested the holding of Praise Meetings during this our Decennial Year, the offerings to be appropriated to the General Fund of our treasury to pay the unpledged salaries of our teachers. Can you confer with your Synodical Officers of the Pacific and make a concerted movement in this direction?

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1889, Jan'y 2 — To — Mrs. S. S. Bryan, Titusville, Penna

The statement in the magazine regarding the Tucson cottages was due to a misapprehension. We have not received the cottage money as indicated, as a portion of that money was intended for the wind-mill, water tank and out-buildings. The Kitchen, laundry and store rooms cost $1700.- the amount we borrowed from the Pennsylvania Cottage fund. Since then $2090 have been appropriated for the final finishing of the wind-mill, water-tank &c. Of this we have a pledge from St. Louis of $850.- and received a personal gift of $400.- as well as straggling sums from various places. I am not attempting to give exact figures, but to show how much we have been compelled to do at Tucson to make the work complete and the teachers comfortable. In addition to the $10,000.- used for the purchase of the ranch and erection of the main building $676.- was needed and expended.

Mr. Walker is on his way to Santa Fé, I believe, to erect the building there.

1889, Jan'y 4 — To — Mrs. J. B. Gilbert, 428 State St, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Through Dr. Norcross of Carlisle, Penna. we learn that the Woman's Indian Association of Brooklyn pledges as salary of $500.- per year to Joshua Given and also money for the building. As Joshua has been under the charge of the Presbytery of Carlisle, and educated by the funds of the Church, he is desirous of entering upon work as missionary commissioned by the Board of Home Missions, and has been promised for three years such a commission whenever we could send him. If the information we have received is correct, and the Woman's Indian Association will pledge Joshua's salary and send it into our treasury, we can immediately place Joshua on the field. Regarding the fund for the building, $1000.- will not be adequate for the building we desire to erect among Joshua's people. One Philadelphia presbytery is undertaking to raise a fund for the purpose as a memorial to Mrs. Gregory who died during our last Annual Meeting, May 1888. It occurs to us that the Brooklyn Indian Association would unite with the Philadelphia ladies in erecting this building, applying the $1000.- towards the memorial. It is to be called the "Mary Gregory Memorial." Please confer with your officers and let me know.

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1889, Jany 5 — To — Mr. F. P. Critchton, Bristol, Penna.

Regarding the questions you raise: In all of our industrial schools it is our desire to give the pupils a three-fold education, Our highest motive is to lead them to Christ; the second, is the industrial training, and the third, the work in the school room. These children are utterly ignorant of everything that that pertains to life here or hereafter that we deem important. Pupils are in the school room but half of the day. Under direction of the superintendent, boys are detailed for duties in squads, as, a certain group go to the ranch, another to the carpenter shop, etc. I think all are not required to work at each trade that is taught.

As the school at Tucson was commenced in December last, everything is in an unformed state. At present we have no carpenter shop and but a limited number of tools, but we propose to equip the school as soon as possible. When I visited Tucson the location of our school was a barren, sandy plain; to-day we have the main building, two stories of frame, costing about 9000.— In it are the workers' sitting room, the pupils' dormitories, the school room, reading room and dining room. Close, and adjoining this is a two story adobé building, consisting of kitchen, laundry, store rooms and teachers' bath room. About a mile distant is the ranch where our farmer, Mr. Thompson, lives and where the boys are trained in agriculture. At present we have from 30 to forty boys of the Pima and Papago Tribes of Indians. They are bright and eager to learn. Part of the number will be assigned to the shops in the morning and the remainder in the afternoon, alternating their work in the school room. When these pupils come to us they have no knowledge whatever of the English language and imperfect knowledge of Spanish, and are entirely ignorant of our ways. They learn readily, are observant and imitative.

Our aim is to fit them for useful, practical living. As soon as our funds permit we intend to erect two cottages for the girls. As the Government requires this industrial training we are anxious to commission a carpenter and place him on the field.

Tucson is an old Mexican town; its population is about 7000, consisting of Mexicans, Negroes, German Jews, Chinamen, Indians going and coming constantly from various reservations, and Americans of various grades, comparatively few of the better sort. There is a great missionary work to be done.

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1889, Jany 9th To — Rev. T. C. Kirkwood, D.D., Colorado Springs, Colo.

I sympathize fully with you in the perplexing position in which you find yourself. Regarding your resignation, I drew my inference from your letter in which you said "only three weeks more of work." At the same time I had a lingering hope that a strong protest might lead to reconsideration, and gave me some encouragement.

In a letter from Miss Beekman, Santa Fé, she writes regarding parents of pupils who promise to pay but do not. She thought some of the children, ~~she thought~~, could make payment in labor at least, as work in connection with the school makes it necessary to hire help, and she asks us to sustain her in her desire to teach these people to become self-supporting. At the beginning of the year she will give notice to parents to withdraw their children from the school unless they will make an effort to ~~make~~ some payment in labor or cash.

1889, Jany 10, To — Miss Jennie Stringfield, Tulsa, Indian Territory

We sympathize with you in your regret that so much time is occupied out of school hours with effort to raise money to pay for the piano. I confess to misgivings as to the wisdom of having undertaken it. If we were not embarrassed financially it might be possible to secure help for you, but our first efforts must be to secure money to pay salaries and current expenses.

I am surprised to learn that boxes of clothing are being sent to scholarship pupils. That is not our custom nor understanding that Day School scholarship pupils should receive clothing. That arouses envy and cultivates pride as well. The influence cannot be good on either party. Wherever we have been made aware of this custom we have protested against it. Will you write plainly to each of these societies saying that you do so with our approval, and ask that boxes of clothing be sent to Industrial Schools where we are obliged to clothe all the children, rather than to your school, and suggest that the money that would go into a box of clothing be given through our treasury to the Tulsa School for some purpose that will benefit the entire school. Tell of your struggle to pay for the piano, tell them about the blackboards and other equipment being bought for the Tulsa school. You mention paying the janitor for fuel and light. Do you not render a bill for this? Where money for tuition does not meet such expenses the shortage should show in your quarterly statement sent with your report to our Board.

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1889, Jan'y 10th - To - Mrs. M. E. Trout, 9 Oak Ave., Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, Ohio.

The Presbytery of Utah has strongly recommended to us an increase in salary for the teachers at Logan, stating explicitly that these teachers cannot live upon $450. a year. Our Woman's Executive Committee sympathizes fully with this and desires to make these salaries $500.- each; and this will be allowed by the Board of Home Missions, if the societies pledging the salaries will raise the $50.- additional. What will Cincinnati do in behalf of Mrs. Parks?.

Carlisle Presbyterial Society promptly raised Miss DeGraff's salary to $500.- and is sending the money to our treasurer; Northumberland Presbyterial Society has raised Miss Carrie Nuttings. We feel that Mrs. Parks is just as much in need of it and submit the matter to you,

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1889, Jany 10 — To — Mrs. M. G. Burdette, 2338 Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ills.
Your letter was laid before our Executive Committee at its last meeting and your request was granted cordially. We shall be glad to have you add to your list of leaflets such as you may find in our own that in your judgment are suited to your purposes. We also cordially grant permission to make the changes you desire in our leaflet "How to Hold a Home Missionary Meeting," so as to adapt it for use in your Baptist societies.

1889, Jany 11, To — Mrs. J. W. Allen, 1107 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo.
I send you loving greetings as Vice-President of the Woman's Ex. Comte and earnestly beg your co-operation in these dark days through which we are passing. The need for aid is so apparent. The debt under which we are struggling is so heavy that we are calling on the Vice-Presidents of the Woman's Executive Committee in the various Synods to come to our Assistance, asking them to cooperate with Synodical Officers to do all in their power to assist in this crisis. Spiritually our work was never more encouraging; financially it is indeed depressing. Upon the fields the schools are full to overflowing; our teachers earnest, self sacrificing, but they cannot remain at their work at their own charges; we must provide food, clothing and lodging for them.
One hundred of these teachers depend upon our General Fund and that has ceased to be unknown quantity and has become a minus quantity. I have just written Mrs. Barber and now appeal to you. What will St. Louis and Missouri at large, do to help us?

1889, Jany 10, To — Rev. F. L. Arnold, 438 W. 2d South St., Salt Lake City, Utah.
It is a great pleasure for me to learn that you knew our dear Mr. Knox; he has been remembered tenderly by his people all these years. I am glad to think that you also met Mr. Walker; there were two brothers then at Cedar Rapids. Did you know both? W. W. Walker an elder in the Church and my husband, C. E. Walker, Superintendent of the Sabbath School for a long time.

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1889, Jany 10, To- Mrs. Edward Ely, 208- 28th St, Chicago, Ills.
I am straining every nerve to set my house in order here to leave. I must have rest and that quickly. I may pass through Chicago but do not know at present; if so, I shall certainly try to see you. We are so glad of the sanction given by your society and Mr. Reid to the appropriation of the $5000.- in the manner indicated, $2000.- of that will thus relieve present necessities, as we are forced to borrow; $3000.- will make good the work so successfully in progress at Sisseton Agency, Dakota.

1889, Jan'y 14- To- Mrs. R. T. Jones, 2653 N. 8th St, Philadelphia, Pa.
I would like to suggest that you attend the Union Prayer Meeting, the Woman's Home Missionary union prayer meeting, which is to be held hereafter every month in Philadelphia.
One of our former teachers among the Mormons in Utah, Mrs. Anna McKean White, wife of the Presbyterian minister at Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, would gladly come at any convenient time to tell you about the mission work on that field, if you desire to have her. I know her willingness of spirit and deep love for the work.

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1889, Mar 27 - To - Mrs. C. M. Parks, Logan, Utah. (Letter written by Miss Minerva E. Rogers, for Woman's Ex. Com^tee

Since our dear Mrs. Charles E. Walker has been obliged to lay down the work in this office which she discharged so effectively up to the very last, the keeping of scholarship records has fallen into my hands.
Not being perfectly familiar with the work, it seems best to send, to the different schools copies of the lists as we have them, to ascertain whether the lists kept by our teachers tally with ours. In every instance our lists have been carefully compared with our treasurer's books, and only those societies that have sent regular remittances and are entitled to quarterly letters from teachers are retained.

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1889, April 3, To — Miss Lena D. Brown, Brooklyn, N.Y. (Letter written by Miss M. E. Rogers, for Woman's Ex Com)
We beg pardon for being so late sending news from White Hall. The delay was not intentional. Even at this date we have little to give you regarding the work there.
Miss Stryker writes: It has been impossible to do scarcely anything but try to make our sick ones comfortable. We have eighteen cases of measles, and some have been very ill. All are better with one exception at this date, and some five or six are able to sit up. We have indeed had a hard time, yet we realize the presence of our Divine Helper and feel we have much for which to praise God. One girl has yet to take the contagion and she has not been well for two weeks. Another who was seriously ill with measles had not recovered her strength when she was taken with typhoid fever and now lies in a very critical condition. Do remember this stricken school in your prayers.

1889, April 3, To — Miss M. K. Garrett, Delphi, Ind.
While it is not obligatory that the financial year of the Presbyterial society should close at or near the same time as that of our office, it is generally more convient that it should. Societies whose fiscal year closes earlier than that of the Executive Committee are apt just before their year closes to send their money directly to us, rather than through their presbyterial treasurer as they desire credit in our annual report. Careful instructions should be given every presbyterial treasurer that she forward to us all the money that she has in hands just before the financial year of the Executive Committee closes. Your desire to attain "uniform systematic work throughout the Presbyterial Society is important. Please urge collectors to make their best efforts at the beginning of the year. We are always sorely embarrassed for funds in the early months, hence, the advantage of making early efforts.

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1889, April 6 — To — Mrs. C. L. Leggett, 215 W. 104th St, City. (Letter by Minerva E. Rogers.)
A year ago it was decided by the Board of Home Missions and our Woman's Executive Committee to appropriate $775.— for a new building to replace the small uncomfortable adobe house occupied by Miss Delia Hills at Raton, New Mexico, but so many more pressing needs demanded attention, that nothing could be done, and now we must make every effort to raise the amount, for she cannot be asked to wait longer for better accommodations.
Instead of having the necessary amount in hands as I understood, I find that not a dollar had been received at the time when Mrs. James presented the matter to the ladies of the New York Presbyterial Society last Monday.
We hope to secure the full amount so the building may be put up this summer, ready for occupancy September first.

1889, April 13, — To — Miss L. E. Casselberry, Pottstown, Pa., (Letter by Miss H. E. Burnet, Secy.)
Our plan of work is as follows: First, an applicant is accepted; after that, formally appointed; and finally she receives the papers of her commission. If appointed you will be commissioned; so your going is only a matter of time. None are commissioned unless in the communion of the Presbyterian or Dutch Reformed Church. It is not essential that you now connect yourself with the Presbyterian Church; taking your certificate of membership to Albuquerque will answer quite as well. Trusting that you will be richly endued with grace and wisdom for our Master's work, — I

1889, April 22, To — Miss Marion D. Gray, Benjamin, Utah (Letter by Miss Helen E. Burnet Secy)
Perhaps you know that Mrs. C. E. Walker has resigned and that I now occupy the place as secretary. So your incoming letter falls into my hands for answer.

1889, April 22 – To – Miss Jennie Dunbar, Juneau, Alaska.
When this reaches you you will be upon your new field of labor. I am glad to write at once, following you with best wishes for success in your undertaking. You will have received cordial greetings from your new fellow workers, and I trust you will be a comfort to them.
I am happy to tell you that the society at Sing Sing, New York, have agreed to pay into our treasury $250.- annually toward your salary. From the enclosed notification you will see what is required of you in return. I trust your letters will be so stimulating that they will feel inclined to increase their gifts and perhaps eventually may be able to pay the whole amount of your salary. I trust you will write them promptly. You might give them a little description of your trip to Alaska. They will be interested in all that pertains to the work. The secretary, Mrs. Maurice is anxious to hear from you at once.

1889, April 22 – To – Mrs. A. C. Miller, 160 Huron St, Cleveland, Ohio
All affairs of the Freedmen's Department are attended to at Pittsburgh. The Woman's Executive Committee do not arrange the details of the Freedmen's work; we simply receive and forward funds. All matters of office work, as well as the oversight of the field is left to the department at Pittsburgh.
I do not understand, myself, Mrs Coulter's letter to you, unless she thinks it is possible that the General Assembly would vote for a reorganization of the Freedmen's Board. There has been discussion on the subject and division of opinion throughout the Church as to the best method of work, some thinking the Freedmen's work should be in connection with the Board of Home Missions; others that it should be separate as at present. A committee was appointed by the last General assembly to investigate and report to the coming Assembly. They have already made public their conclusion in the matter, and advise that the two boards remain as at present constituted.
I have a very pleasant letter from Mrs. Perkins concerning yourself, but we had not at that time, nor have we now any vacancy in in our office force.

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1889, April 23d — To — Miss Mary E. McAlister, Fairfield, Iowa (Letter written by Miss Helen E. Burnet, Sec'y)
We have received your application and are pleased that your heart turns longingly towards the most blessed work which angels might covet, but which is committed only to the redeemed children of earth. I infer from your letter that you have little classroom experience. Is this true? Have you any knowledge of music, vocal or instrumental? Have you sufficient acquaintance with housework to take the position of Matron? Or, could you superintend the sewing department? Have you robust health? I enclose list of requirements and will be happy to receive your credentials as soon as you can collect them.

1889, April 23d To — Miss Helen H. Brokaw, Mt. Vernon, Iowa. (Letter by Miss Helen E. Burnet Sec'y)
In consequence of ill health Mrs. C. E. Walker has retired from our work and I succeed her as secretary and your letter falls into my hands. I am glad your society is inclined to aid our work among the Mormons, a vast and urgent work, making very special appeals to happy Christian women who reign as queens in our northern homes. In Utah we are confronted not only with the horrors of Mormonism but also by the spread of Romanism. In Salt Lake City there are already three large Catholic schools. The equipment is the best money will procure. St. Mary's Academy has 350 pupils. At Ogden, the second city in the Territory is another academy having 225 pupils, at Park City, still another, with about 200. There is at Salt Lake City a hospital and a day school. Its great school, however, is "All Hallows College" for young men. Its building cost $60,000.— and is the finest school building between Denver and California. In 1886 its students numbered 200. These facts prove that we have a double foe to fight in Utah, each bitterly hostile to the Bible and our free institutions. Would you not like to devote your contributions towards the school building fund either in Salt Lake City or Mount Pleasant? Our Collegiate Institute at Salt Lake City is doing good work but the buildings are in a delapidated condition and we are anxious to secure sufficient funds to erect new buildings. Mount Pleasant was the first mission established outside of Salt Lake City by our denomination. It was here that Dr. McMillan preached with his pistol lying on the pulpit beside him, his life having been threatened. He also suffered the numerous petty persecutions heaped upon him by the Mormons. Not to be intimidated he held on bravely, establishing the work on good foundations.

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The school and Church were organized. The people who opposed him at first have subscribed liberally toward the erection of a much needed new school building. That in itself is proof of the good being accomplished.

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Letters from Mrs. D.E. Finks

1889 - April 22 - To - Miss Lucy O. Purcell, Medicine Lodge, Kansas.

Mrs. McFarland conducts a home into which she receives the native girls and gives them Christian training in all lines of domestic usefulness. There is no class-room instruction. The children are expected by our Board of Home missions to attend the Government Day School, which is in charge of Miss Gould in whom we have confidence as a Christian worker. Mrs. McFarland therefore requires domestic aid largely, in teaching the girls how to care for themselves, their clothing, how to cook, sew, wash, iron, in a word, how to become, cleanly Christian young women. Mrs. McFarland attends now to all these duties herself. If any are sick, she must give hours to nursing in addition to her days of labor. Are you willing to undertake these duties? The salary would be $500.= a year.

1889, April 24 - To - Mrs. Elliott Shepard, 2 West 52d St., New York, N.Y.

Our Woman's Executive Committee, according to the custom since its organization will hold its Annual Meeting in connection with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in May which this year will be held in New York City. In arranging our program a strong desire has been expressed that the five girls who were in our school in Alaska, and whom you have so generously taken under your care for further education, should be present. We think it will be a satisfaction to those interested in our Alaskan work to see these girls and note the improvement they have made. It will also doubtless interest others, not identified with mission work and may enlist their sympathies. As they are now in your care we feel that we ought not to take any steps in the matter with regard to bringing the girls to our meeting without first writing you. Should you see no objection to their coming we will provide some person to accompany them on the journey and that expenses of the same are met, and entertainment provided for them. Hoping to learn your wishes in the matter, and that you will not hesitate to state any objections to the plan.

1889 — April, Letters from Mrs. D.E. Finks, Sec'y

1889- Apl 24- To- Mrs. Eugene S. Willard, Juneau, Alaska.
Attendance upon Annual Presbyterial meetings in addition to the voluminous correspondence received since Mrs. Walker left has delayed all except such letters as positively required immediate answers.
By this time Miss Dunbar will have reached you and we hope will prove a real helper. We were delighted to have your letter this morning, mentioning special gifts that have come to you, and which you are disposed to apply on the purchase of the property. Our Committee are quite agreeable to this. The only provision we make is that such gifts shall not in any way take from the funds pledged to other portions of our work, or reduce our General Fund. We are obliged to guard this very carefully. We have had experiences with other missionaries who in their zeal for their own stations have diverted funds and our General Fund has in consequence become greatly embarassed. But you understand our work so well that you will make no such mistake. When soliciting funds please ask that they be sent through the usual channels to Mrs. Boyd designated for Juneau Building Fund.
I hope we shall succeed soon in raising the necessary amount to reimburse Mr. Willard fully for the sum he has expended.
I shall be glad at any time to receive incidents connected with your work. Please state if they should not be published in our magazine; otherwise you need not be surprised to see them in its pages.

1889, April 28- To- Mrs. S. W. Pomeroy, Troy, Penna.
I would certainly come to you were it possible and I would talk Foreign Missions (I can do it.) but much as I long to help in your dilemma, it will not be my privilege, for I shall be overwhelmed with the duties of our Annual Meeting which will be convening just about that time.

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1889 – April | 25 – Rev. R. W. Hill, Muskogee, Indian Territory (Letter from Miss Helen E. Burnett, sec'y) Will you please tell us whose place at Park Hill you propose to give to Miss McCarrell, the aunt of Rev. Mr. Leiper?

1889 — May

1889, May 2 – To – Mrs. G. S. Hutchinson, Albion, N.Y. (Written by Miss H. E. Burnet, Secy)
If Miss Anna S. Ludlum has never spoken for you by writing to her at Rondout, N.Y., it will be possible to secure her for your meeting. She is our Synodical Visitor.

1889, May 3d – To – Mrs. R. P. Johnson, Wilmington, Delaware. (Written by Miss Burnet)
Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Austin of Sitka, Alaska, are now in this city. Would you like either to visit you before May 16th, when the General Assembly meets?

1889, May 3d – To – Mrs. M. M. Moses, 65 Clinton Ave., Trenton, N. J. (Written by Miss Burnet secy)
Your letter addressed to Mrs. Boyd has been put in my hands by Mrs. Finks who wishes me to suggest that your offerings go towards the $27,000.= deficit which we are trying to supplement by a proposed week of self-denial. It is simply a suggestion to aid our Executive Committee in their embarrassment, by asking each of our friends to exercise some personal self-denial, whereby, if possible, to obliterate this deficit.
The idea of a Praise Meeting is a beautiful one. How much the Psalms of David teach in this direction. May a rich blessing visit and follow your meeting.
The Annual Meeting of our Committee will begin with devotional exercises at 9.30 A.M. Friday, the 24th instant.

1889, May 4 – To – Miss Carrie M. Hazeltine, Morristown, N.J. (Letter by Mrs. D. E. Finks per M. E. R.)
Mrs. Austin, the boys matron at Sitka is now in New York. She and her husband came to attend General Assembly.

1889 – May 7 – To – Mrs. E. C. Selfridge, Oakland, Calif. (Letter by Mrs. D. E. Boyd per Florence Eaton)
Have you heard the sum of our receipts for 1888–1889? The grand sum of $320,000.– but one can hardly realize how much of this amount was given for special purposes as special personal donations. We asked for 20% advance, or $286,000.–. More, much more than this has been given but the contributions from societies are but 8% (eight per cent) in advance of last year, hence we have a deficit of $27,000. Special appeals are to be mailed and we do hope to secure a good response by May 24th the date of our annual meeting. Our appeal is not yet ready but eight gifts have reached us already.

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1889, May 3d – To – Mrs. C.E. Walker, Tucson, Arizona.

It is quite in vain for me to write personal letters, but I think you will enjoy a type-written letter written by Mrs. Baker as much as one from my own hand, for you will know that two of your friends share in the communication instead of one.
We received your letter telling of your visit to Portland, and await further advice concerning Vice-Presidents for California, and the particulars also about your visit.
I am sorry your head is still troubling you. The tongue is often spoken of as an unruly member; I grant it but think the same can be said of the head.
We are in the crush of Annual Meeting preparations. Miss Burnet has been with us a month now. I gave your message to her and she wishes you to accept her thanks for remembrance.
I cannot tell you how delighted I am that you have the opportunity of getting an insight into the work on the Pacific Coast. We shall be able to comprehend the situation much better now.

1889, May 3d – To – Miss Laura W. Pierson, 2320 Spruce St., Phila, Pa. (Daughter of Rev. Arthur T. Pierson D.D.)

Your credentials reached me safely this morning. We will try to decide the matter soon. The Board of Home Missions ordinarily would not meet until May 22d, but I think an extra session will be called, as the General Assembly meets about that time.

1889, May 8th – To – Miss Potter, c/o Mr. D.L. Moody, Northfield, Mass

Through Mrs. Elliott Shepard we learn that you have the care of the Alaskan girls who were formerly pupils in our Industrial Training School, Sitka, Alaska. It seems very desirable that they should come to our Annual Meeting in connection with the General Assembly which convenes May 24th. As the girls will need a travelling companion and some one to have charge of them while here, our ladies would be very glad if you will personally accompany them. If you cannot will you select a proper person and let us know? Mrs. Shepard is well pleased that the girls should come and we hope nothing will prevent.

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1889 – May 4th – To – Mrs. Lizzie M. Kelso, 1611 Deal St, Philadelphia, Pa (from Mrs. D. E. Finks, Secy per M. E. Rogers)

Whenever a scholarship support is assumed we endeavor to impress upon those pledging the support the idea that they are taking a scholarship rather than an individual pupil. Indian parents do not appreciate the value of an education, and frequently remove their children after allowing them school privileges for a short period. Then again the children lacking home training refuse to remain in school and run away. For various reasons pupils are taken from under the influence of teachers and we are unable to avert results. In such cases our friends are usually willing to transfer the scholarship privileges to other worthy pupils. At Nuyaka, Indian Territory, we have many scholarships unpaid, but nevertheless the expenses of the school must be met and that money is taken from our General Fund. Many, many have been the disappointments that have come to us this year in the way of unpaid scholarships, and being obliged to sustain the work, hoping the necessary funds would come, we were left at the close of this fiscal year with a deficit of $27,000. – With this in mind we hope you may feel able to pay full amount.

1889 — May

1889, May 7th – To – Mrs. Robert H. Brown, Pueblo, Colo. (Letter signed M. E. Boyd per E.)

Owing to the fact that a large proportion of the money contributed last year was for special objects we closed the year with a deficit. You asked if it were right to send money direct to us. If you have no presbyterial treasurer and do not report synodically it is certainly correct to send to us direct. As a rule societies prefer to have credit for their gifts in both the presbyterial and synodical reports.

1889, May 8 – To – Mrs E. P. Sprague, Auburn, N.Y. From Miss H. E. Burnet

It is in the line of both duty and pleasure to aid you as much as possible in your efforts to awaken interest in Home Missions, and I thank you for your interest.

"A poor widow once had a mite and it was a very little one, besides being all she had. She gave it to the church and her deed has been a matter of history for 1800 years. The story will last and be told as long as the Bible endures. One society of ladies thought they had raised all the money they could possibly, when some one proposed putting a mite box in every family in the congregation. In six months they were opened and behold! there were $60.= worth of mites in them. Another society found $114.= worth of mites in their boxes. Let every member of a family put in a penny for every day in the year, every birthday, or for just every day of one month. Count the money at an appointed time and send it to your presbyterial treasurer who will forward it to 53 Fifth Avenue

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Letters from Mrs. D. E. Finks, Secy

1889 - May 8 - To - Mrs. S. F. Scovel, Wooster, Ohio —
It will be entirely satisfactory to our Committee for you to use the paper you propose at our Annual Meeting in place of the subject suggested. Kindly tell me what caption to give it on the program? And let me know immediately as it will be printed soon.

1889, May 8 - To Miss Mary Holmes, Rockford, Ills.
We learn that Mrs. Kumler whom we hoped to have address us on the Freedmen, will not be with us. We would like to have you follow Mrs. Coulter's report with a plea for the Freedmen of not more than fifteen minutes. Our plan this year is to have quite a number take part on the programme and each briefly.
Another matter; We would like you to prepare an account of the Annual Meeting for The Interior. Will you kindly comply? You see we know you capabilities and it will not do to refuse.

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1889 - May 10th - To - Mrs. K. P. Bryan, Titusville, Pa. - From Mrs. M. E. Boyd, Treas.
You may think your request of April 7th has been overlooked (per E.
but only today has it been possible to complete the account.
You may be interested to know that St. Louis has completed her pledge for Tucson.
Below you will find the figures for both the Tucson and Salt Lake funds for the past two years from Pennsylvania (alone, of course.)
I hope these results will bring comfort as well as encouragement to you. All Presbyterial Societies of Pennsylvania are represented but five - (It should be six): Blairsville, Butler, Clarion, Kittanning, Wellsboro and West Virginia.

1888 – 1889	Tucson	$4,254.07	
" "	Salt Lake	1,694.35	$5,948.42
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1889, May 11th — To — Miss Jeannette C. Hill, Burlington, Iowa — from Mrs. M. E. Boyd, Treas. per F. E. E.

I have a matter that will prove very disappointing to you and Iowa which I regret exceedingly.
The three drafts were received in good condition but all were too late to be included in our report for the year just closed.
The word is given out that our books close April first for the year, but we keep open until the ninth to give presbyterial treasurers time to make up their reports and to forward such tardy remittances as may reach them after March 31st.
My notice intended for you was sent to Mrs. Geo. Hill by error. I feel much annoyed by this fact and should have included your remittance had it reached me a day or two late but it did not come until April 20th. Believe me, that I sympathize with you in your disappointment.

1889, May 13, To — Miss Mary E. Holmes, Rockford, Ills. — From Miss Helen E. Burnet, Sec'y

Mrs. Finks being much driven with work, asks me to say in reply to your letter that the present deficiency in the treasury prevents us from paying the expenses of any of our delegates to the General Assembly.

1889, May 16 — To — Miss Laura Pierson, 2320 Spruce St., Philadelphia, Pa — (from Miss Burnet, Sec'y)

You have been appointed by the Board of Home Missions as teacher at Tucson, Arizona, at a salary of $500.— Your papers containing a formal commission will be forwarded later. It is unnecessary to remind you that while we desire and expect most excellent classroom qualifications, we desire above all that your pupils shall gain a knowledge of Christ, and be led to Him as a personal Saviour. We expect the teacher's influence and labors will extend far beyond the school room to the families of the pupils; to the Sabbath School and in such departments of Church work as may need her aid. It is real missionary work for which you are commissioned, and we trust this is the spirit which guides you in entering the work. — My dear Miss Pierson, you especially belong to the Church by virtue of your father's (Rev. Arthur T. Pierson) influence in the direction of missions.

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1889, May 27, To – Mrs. Hattie B. Matthews, Indianapolis, Ind. (Woman's Ex. Com. per E. Baker)

Pardon the delay in replying to your letter. We have been very busy preparing for our annual meeting, held in connection with General Assembly.

We have 37 schools and 95 teachers under our care among the Mormons. Our Woman's Executive Committee has charge of all the school work under the Board of Home Missions. This number therefore includes all the schools among the Mormons.

1889, May 27 – To – Mrs. Mary H. Gamble, Avondale, Cincinnati, Ohio, from Miss H. E. Burnet Secy.

It has been a difficult matter to decide about sending Miss Scott to you. She comes home quite prostrated by her own and her sisters heroic labors among the Indians ill with small-pox. When their companions forsook them, these ladies stayed and ministered to the people. Dr. Kirkwood says a better seed-sowing could not be accomplished in a flourishing school. It was a pathetic appeal when at our annual meeting, where she attempted to speak but her voice failed, for her throat is greatly weakened by an attack of diphtheria.

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1889, May 27 — To — Miss Clark, (Written by Miss Fanny Pozley, missionary to Utah)
Mrs. Finks is very busy and thought that I, though a stranger to you, but well acquainted with Mormonism, having spent the past five years among them, might answer your letter to her inquiring about information regarding them.
If you are already acquainted with some of the "Articles of Faith" taught in the Mormon church you know that Polygamy is a strong pillar in the church — still it is not the pillar. We feel that until the power of the "Priest-hood" is partly broken any way, there is not much likely-hood of gaining any very marked success. Still we do not intend to relax in any degree to gain a hold on the young people and the children especially; for though the Saint(?) Orson Pratt teaches in one of his sermons that God never allows a child to be tempted until eight years old, we think that children are tempted and yield too many times before that age is reached. I wonder if you know that the Mormon women are taught to believe that there is no resurrection for them unless they have a husband by whose hand the veil, which always covers a Mormon woman's face when put in her coffin, can be removed. Only think of a woman trusting in a man for her resurrection! One day when visiting a poor sick woman I was greatly pained to have her say to me, "O, Miss Fannie, must I be sealed to my husband for eternity, if I want to be saved?" God knows I had a miserable time with him on earth, and I can't bear to think of living with him forever, unless I must in order to be saved. You can imagine my reply. The Mormons have two kinds of marriages; one for time, and the other for eternity. If you could spend a few days in Utah, I am sure you would feel there is need and great need for earnest work there if we want to win the coming generations for Christ.

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Letters from Mrs. D. E. Finks, Secy

1889, May 28 — To — Mrs. C. E. Walker, Santa Fe', New Mexico.

I am sorry your travelling expenses have not reached you. The Finance Committee have been somewhat disorganized by the Annual Meeting; as you are aware, everything has had to stand aside for that. I am almost too ill to write you further this morning, but you will be pleased to know that the Annual Meeting was very largely attended, (some say the largest attendance we ever had) and that it seems to have been very satisfactory, as well as the preliminary meetings. You were very greatly missed; that could not be otherwise. I hope you are better than here-to-fore. We shall be glad to know of any improvement which comes to you.

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1889, June 1st — To — Miss Lucy O. Purcell, Medina Lodge, Kas. (from Miss Helen E. Burnet, Sec'y)
I write hastily to ask if you are still willing to go to Alaska?
A general housekeeper to superintend cooking, scrubbing, etc. is needed. If you are inclined to accept this we can give you a position at once and you can go in July when Prof. Kelly returns. As Mrs. Finks received no answer to her letter of April 22d, she thinks it may have gone astray. She wrote that Mrs. McFarland's Institution is a home into which she receives native girls and gives them Christian training in all lines of domestic usefulness. There is no classroom instruction. The children are expected by the Board of Home Missions to attend the Government day school which is in charge of Miss Gould, in whom we have confidence as a Christian worker. The help which Mrs. McFarland requires would be therefore largely in the line of domestic aid, teaching the girls how to care for themselves, their clothing, how to cook, sew, wash, iron, — in a word how to become cleanly, Christian young women. At present, Mrs. McFarland attends to all these duties herself. If any are sick, in addition to her day of labor, she must give hours of nursing and it can be seen at once that she needs relief. Are you willing to undertake these duties? The salary would be $500.— per year, expenses paid going to the field, but to be returned in case you should leave the work before the expiration of three years.

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1889, June 1st – To – Mr. Charles S. Culver, Las Vegas, N. Mex. – From Miss H. E. Burnet, Sec'y.
We can probably secure your appointment as carpenter at Tucson, Arizona, if you can signify your willingness to go there at a salary of $800.– annually. Kindly reply immediately.

1889, June 1, To – Mrs. H. Chamberlin, Newbury, Vermont, from Miss H. E. Burnet, Sec'y.
The delay in complying with your request is due to the unusual pressure of business attending our annual Meetings, and conferences following for arranging and laying out work for the new year ahead. We enclose a card giving a list of meetings held at that time which may interest you. We send a few leaflets on Mormonism, sample copies of our magazine, also extracts from one of our teachers' letters. The writer is acquainted with some of the articles of faith taught in the Mormon church. Polygamy is a strong pillar in the church, but not the pillar. Until the power of the priesthood is broken there is little likelihood of gaining any marked success. Still we do not intend to relax in any way our efforts to gain a hold on the young people and the children especially, for the Mormon saint (?) Orson Pratt teaches that God never allows a child to be tempted till eight years of age.
In a new society it is often the best plan to work for some one special object – at first – new workers being somewhat like children and unable to grasp the full magnitude of our work. By a special object we mean a salary for a special teacher, or a scholarship for a child in one of our schools. If you agree to support a child in one of our schools you will be entitled to receive letters at stated intervals either from the child or from the teacher. Then the field in which the school is situated will have special interest which with increasing knowledge will extend to the general work. Let each monthly concert be carefully prepared as its turn comes and at the end of the year you will be surprised to find how much you have learned.

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Letters from Mrs. D. E. Finks,
Sec'y

1889, June 3. To — Mrs. W. J. Milne, Geneseo, N.Y.

It gives me pleasure to reply to your letter concerning additional funds for Spanish Fork, Utah, where Miss Perley is located. An appropriation of $1300. was made toward a chapel at this place, and $1200. — towards this amount has been secured, but the workers on the field found that $1300. — would not be sufficient, and at our annual conference this last week $300. — more, making the total $1600. — was appropriated. Not knowing where to turn for this amount the assurance of your interest in Miss Perley's work seems most timely. Any amount towards this fund will be gratefully received.

1889, June 3d To — Mrs. W. E. Knox, 689 Madison St., Toledo, Ohio.

As you say, the deficit is depressing, but we decided to make every effort possible, and we have been not only gratified but greatly touched by the responses which are coming, yours among others. At the present time about $15,000. have been received, largely in small sums, and we have assurance that more of these self-denial offerings are on the way. Letters which accompanied the gifts have been almost as precious as the money itself. We would have been glad if you could have been at the Annual Meeting. It has been pronounced one of the most successful meetings we have ever held. All of the devotional meetings were delightful in character and impressive. We trust that a deep spiritual impetus was given the work.

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Letters from Mrs. D. E. Finks, Sec'y

June 3rd 1889 — To — Mrs. Henry Ballard, St. Joseph, Missouri.

You ask why blanks for reports were not sent to you in Missouri here-to-fore. At the urgent request of the Woman's Board of the Southwest we withheld our blanks this year, the complaint being made that in sending our blanks to the synods that are auxiliary to that Board useless expense was incurred, unnecessary labor involved and confusion resulted, as local blanks were sent by that organization which covered the same information, making our blanks unnecessary. We were assured that full reports would be sent to us from the various synods covering the same information that our blanks require. I am sorry to say that we have not received these reports except in two or three instances.

When our Committee acceded to the request of the Board of the Southwest it was decided to do so for this year only, and our future action would be governed by the result of this experience.

One of our representatives will be present, I trust, at the various October meetings of the synods and by inference adjust the matter.

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1889 - June 4th - To - Mrs. W. M. Everhart, Cedar Springs, Pa.

It is true that Candelario has decided to go on with his studies. He is very anxious to obtain a thorough education to be fitted for the full office of a minister. We did not know that he intended to carry out this idea at present; but he thinks he can delay no longer. We have very few efficient gentlemen teachers. There are two or three native evangelists in New Mexico, one of whom Gabrino Rendon is described by the Synodical Missionary as "pure gold", by which he means that the young man has unusual consecration and is doing a noble work. But he has less control of the English language than Candelario, and would not prove a very interesting correspondent, as he finds it difficult to write in anything but Spanish. Would your society like to contribute to his support? We shall take pleasure in assigning him. If you do not think this wise, I would urge that your money be devoted to a field which is at present almost pre-eminent in importance and need. I refer to the Salt Lake Collegiate Institute. I think, it is conceded by all who have looked into the situation that there is no school doing such a grand work as this Institute. But it is sadly cramped for proper facilities and room.

1889 - June Letters from Mrs. D. E. Finks, Sec'y

1889, June, 4th - To - Mrs. S. S. Merrill, Milwaukee, Wis.

It gives me pleasure to inform you that at the election of officers at the Annual Meeting of our Woman's Executive Committee your name was given for the position of Vice-President for Wisconsin for the ensuing year. I was directed to inquire if it will be agreeable to you to accept this position?

If you were here where we could converse about this matter, I presume one of the first questions you would ask would be: "What are the duties of a Vice-President?"

Busy women like to know what will be required in assuming new work. To sum up the matter in few words, the Vice Presidents of our Executive Committee are expected to promote the work under the care of that Committee to the extent of their ability (Some most efficient Vice-Presidents in the various Synods have been of incalculable aid to us in disseminating information regarding the work, increasing interest in our mission schools among the Indians, Mexicans, Mormons, and other exceptional populations.) Vice Presidents are helpful also in forming new presbyterial and local societies, in stimulating the interest of individuals, and in various other ways broadening and extending intelligence and interest. Some who shrank at first from assuming the position, urging as a reason their lack of familiarity with details of the work, have after taking the office given themselves to the careful study of the field, the work and the workers, and as a result, have become our most loyal and staunch supporters. Indeed the work has been practically new to some on our list at the time they became identified with it, but they have lost no time after the connection was made in cooperating and sustaining the work, but in giving considerable personal attention to it in their own society.

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Letters from Mrs. D. E. Finks, Secy

1889, June 4 – To – Mrs. Mary K. Todd, 1201 W. 1st St, Spokane Falls, Washington Territory

The delay in answering your letter is not due to want of interest. It was presented immediately upon its receipt to the business meeting of our Woman's Executive Committee but held for further consideration. We were closing our year's work, and expected to hold our Annual Conference regarding new work in a few days and it was voted to hold it until that time, but owing to circumstances which transpired afterward it was necessary to postpone this conference until after the meeting of General Assembly.

At this conference we go over all the work, estimate expenditures, and decide upon new work for the coming year. You are doubtless aware that on closing our books for the fiscal year we found that we had expended $27,000.– more for mission school work than we had received. This deficit was appaling, and on its face seemed to prevent any enlargement of the work.

Immediate efforts were taken to make good the amount which have partially succeeded, but the outlook is grave and the financial pressure so strong that we were obliged at the Annual Conference, held a few days ago, to weigh with utmost care every proposition for new work. Indeed, we feel unable to undertake scarcely anything in this line. Obligations already assumed are very large. We have cut expenditures as far as possible and decided to close three mission schools.

Our ladies felt deep interest in your proposition to establish a new mission among the Indians in your vicinity, but unless assured in the months to come that Providence indicates that we might safely enter upon this work the way seems hardly to be open. We shall be pleased, however, to learn at once further particulars. How many Indians are there in the community? What degree of civilization have they attained? Is there a mission building where they can assemble? Is it your desire to open a day or boarding school? How much of the funds to sustain this work could you raise in your society? To what extent would you need to have them supplemented for the proper support of the work?

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1889, June 4. To — Mrs. Alexander Proudfit, Baltimore, Md.

One of the most essential needs in our Indian Territory work is a
home for our missionary teacher at Elm Spring which is a
full-blood Choctaw neighborhood, and the work at this point
is new having been just begun. There is no possibility
of our teacher finding comfortable quarters among the natives.
One of the Indians has given her a part of his rude log
cabin, a room occupied by others during the day time,
and where an old Indian woman sleeps at night. These
people are doing what they can for her comfort which is
very little, as they are unused to ways of right living and
cannot appreciate the necessities that contribute to reasonable
comfort. The house is infested with vermin, so you can
understand how impossible it is for us to think of keeping
a teacher there unless suitable quarters can be provided.
If we will build a modest little cottage, the Indians will
help, as I understand, so it will involve an expense of
but $300.– Then Miss Guernsey can have her mother with
her and become the permanent teacher to these people, who
never before have had a Christian school in their midst.
When Miss Guernsey went to this place a short time ago, it
was a real experiment but the Indians were so anxious
for Christian instruction, so willing to do what they can
themselves, that they erected the little school house and are
importuning that the mission be continued. However, no
teacher can stay without a little home, and the amount
asked is modest. A friend has already given $100.– and
we wish to secure at once the balance to put this mission
on a working basis.
Another point where the work, not absolutely new, must be
reorganized and put on a different basis, is at Antonito, Colorado,
just over the line from New Mexico. A large community of

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1889, June 4 — To — Mrs Proudfit — (Continued)

Mexicans is tributary to this region, many mountain canons, each having settlements of a few hundred Mexicans, also scattered groups throughout that section of country. Miss Ross, one of our teachers located at La Costilla, has been very successful in reaching the Mexicans and gaining their confidence. She is to be put in charge of the work at Antonito and to open a Boarding School there. In addition to all her other work as mission teacher she has been educating and supporting, out of her own means, five orphan children. She has shown such executive ability and force of character that she seems to be the very person to have charge of this new, enlarged school. The Mexicans promise to support this school to the extent of their ability. They will contribute fuel, provisions and some money also. But they are poor and unable to do a great deal, but, perhaps we have ~~we have~~ no people more appreciative than these Mexicans.

It was from this neighborhood that the old Mexican, "Gomez" having heard of the Bible, went a long journey to purchase it, paying therefor the sum which he received from the sale of his OXEN, and walking all the way back to his home in the canon. Thereafter he studied and expounded the Blessed Word so that when our missionaries penetrated to this region they found a little Protestant Christian community, converted by the power of the Word alone. We venture upon this enlargement at the urgent request of the people, themselves. We have had a day school here for some little time, but the people are so scattered it does not meet the necessities of the work. An additional room, costing about $500.— will have to be built to meet the needs.

It is difficult to mention purely new work as it will be our policy this year to strengthen and complete the old, sustaining that already in hands rather than to plan any great enlargement.

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1889, June 4. To — Mrs. Proudfit, (continued)

The deficit of the past year makes extreme care necessary in opening the new year lest we become involved in work which we will not have means to sustain.

There is one phase of new work which I may mention; it will be necessary to send out additional teachers this year. Their salaries will be from $250.– to $500.–. A number of new teachers will be sent to Wealaka, Indian Territory, and we shall have to plan to meet their salaries.

With regard to your synodical work. At our Annual Conference it was decided to enlarge the Boys' Home at Sitka; this will necessitate the outlay of $1000.– I would commend this to Baltimore but we have been informed that a legacy of $1000.– will come to us within a month from Minnesota, and it was proposed by the women of Minnesota that it be devoted to the erection of a doctors' and nurses' home in connection with the hospital at Sitka, but we consider the enlargement of the boys' home there more necessary, and that a home for the doctors and nurses is by no means so urgent at this present time as are many other phases of the work. Our Conference therefore decided to urge the Minnesota women to devote the legacy to the new room for the boys. Should they do this the work at Sitka can proceed at once; whereas if we wait to assign it months will pass, and the boys will not only suffer in health but there will be disadvantage accruing to the work from the delay. If the Minnesota ladies do not agree to this we would gladly propose that Baltimore accept this as their special work.

There is at Juneau, Alaska, work needing immediate attention. The home there under the care of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Willard is doing a blessed work. Mr. Willard built the home with his own ~~means~~ with a view to placing the property in our hands as soon as we could raise the funds. The necessity was so great that he was willing to make the advance. We have been very slow in repaying the amount thus invested, and it is our

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1889, June 4 – To – Mrs. Proudfit – (concluded)
purpose to push the matter vigorously as possible and to secure the property under our control. This property is really worth very much more at the present time than what Mr. Willard expended on it, but he is willing for us to take it at the exact cost. As he did much of the labor himself it was built with marvelous economy.
Mrs. Willard is an exceedingly pleasant correspondent and should Baltimore not accept Sitka, I know of no field more interesting or important than Juneau.

1889, June 6 — To — Miss B. A. Olmstead, Richfield, Utah.
We rejoice with you in the erection of your long looked for Chapel, and hope it will be satisfactory in every respect and that you will feel in a measure compensated for the long months of waiting. We had hoped, with you, that the building would have been finished some time ago, but unexpected obstacles presented as you know, and our delight now is made greater in the assured fact.

1889, June 6 — To — Mrs. Kate Doll, 2010 Walton St., Denver, Colo.
You will be glad to know that our Annual Meeting was very successful in every way, deepening interest and furnishing stimulus. Mrs. Bailey (Mrs. Doll's sister of Harrisburg) was present and may write you about it.
The response to the request for a self-denial offering was gratifying. At present writing we have received about $14,000.— and more is coming. The letters accompanying these gifts are gratifying and touching. Most of the offerings have been small, entailing a vast amount of correspondence and work, but all has been done so cheerfully done, we believe, for the sake of Him whom we serve and whose we are.
Thank you for your interest in the health of our family. I am naturally somewhat worn just now but hope soon to rally. Mr. Finks is about the same, better at times. This week his old enemy, the excruciating headaches returned.

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Letters from Mrs. D. E. Finks, Secy

1889 - June 6th, To - Miss Jennie Partridge, 812 - 21st St., San Francisco, Calif.
With regard to the duties of the Synodical Secretary, they may be briefly defined as follows. First, to correspond with the secretaries and other officers of the Presbyterial Societies with a view to securing the annual reports, stimulating the formation of new societies, increasing interest in the support of the work, and in every way strengthening presbyterial relations. Direction of this is done by the synodical president who has the work in charge. It will be well to confer with your synodical president if presbyteries in your synod are not organized for Home Mission work and to unite on some plan to bring about this desired end. Another line of correspondence should be between the synodical secretary and the New York office. If your synodical society should decide upon some special object such as the salaries of teachers, contributions to building funds or other work, correspondence with our headquarters would be necessary. A large part of the work of the synodical secretary is that of making up the annual report which is submitted to our Woman's Executive Committee.

1889, June 6 - To - The Principal of Wellesley College, Wellesley, Mass.
I wish to make inquiry with regard to a suitable principal to take charge of an important work which we are about to enter upon at Asheville, North Carolina. Through the generosity of friends our Board of Home Missions has come in possession of the valuable property there, known as Oakland Inn. We propose to open a school for Southern girls to be known as Oakland Institute, and need a principal, a lady of thorough experience, refinement, tact, and possessing such characteristics of person and mind as will insure success to the position to which she is called.
We have not yet issued the prospectus, but I mail a copy of one now in the printer's hands. This school will be definitely Christian in all its influences, and it will necessary for the person receiving the appointment to be a member of the Presbyterian Church, or willing to transfer her church connection to that denomination.

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June 6 — (carried forward from last page)

We have already one school at Glenville for the "Poor Whites" of the mountains which is very successful, but it has been found that there is a large class among the daughters of those possessing some means who are almost as destitute of educational advantages and quite as much in need of thorough training as are those much beneath them in social position. Class feeling as you know runs high in the South, and it is necessary therefore to the success of this enterprise, that the Principal should be one who can readily adapt herself to the conditions. A woman of strong character is desired, but as already intimated, she should have the graces of manner and culture of mind that will win the allegiance of both parents and pupils.

The Rev. D. Stuart Dodge who has been one of the most generous supporters of this enterprise desired especially that we should communicate with you, thinking you would be able to help us to secure the right person.

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1889, June 7 — To — Miss Christine Larsen, Mt. Pleasant, Utah.

As it was necessary to bring your letter to our Committee for action I could not answer earlier. I suppose you are aware that it is necessary to secure a leave of absence from the Woman's Executive Committee as well as from your Presbytery. Our Committee cheerfully grant your wish to take a vacation from the field but our rule with regard to expenses is as follows: Whenever a teacher has remained on the field three years, if she wishes to visit her home and return again to her work, her return expenses will be paid from the point where she resided when she entered the work. As your home is in Mt. Pleasant, of course you are not under this rule, and in view of our heavy debt the Committee do not feel they can make an exception to this rule in your case. Therefore we will be unable to assist you in the expense of your proposed trip to California, but Mr. Eaton will secure reduced rates for you if possible, thus reducing the expense of your trip.

1889, June 7 — To — Mrs. F. H. Pierce, 16 Seminary St, Auburn, N.Y.

You ask for information regarding the "Poor Whites". The schools which we report are: Asheville, Concord, Riceville, North Carolina; New Market, Tusculum, Beech, Huntsville, Kismet, Washington College, and Grassy Cove, Tennessee. At present we have but one boarding school at Asheville, but expect to open another in the fall to be known as the Oakland Institute. The school at Concord, North Carolina, is also a boarding school. The sum total of pupils is 189 boarding, and 819 day. Instruction is largely elementary in character, as the pupils were almost entirely illiterate when they came under our care, but the standard is constantly advancing, and the new Institute about to be opened will be more advanced still. Our instruction is not merely that of the classroom; it is permeated throughout with Bible study and Christian and industrial education. We have not by any means been able to meet the demand for schools. In the mountain region there are whole counties without a single school, some sustain a school for two months of the year, or even three months, but the teachers are illiterate and the school becomes a farce.

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The Rev. D. Stuart Dodge who has been one of the most generous supporters of this enterprise desired especially that we should communicate with you, thinking you would be able to help us to secure the right person.

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Letters of Mrs. D. E. Finks, Sec'y.

1889, June 7 — To — Miss Christine Larsen, Mt. Pleasant, Utah. 1

As it was necessary to bring your letter to our Committee for action I could not answer earlier. I suppose you are aware that it is necessary to secure a leave of absence from the Woman's Executive Committee as well as from your Presbytery. Our Committee cheerfully grant your wish to take a vacation from the field but our rule with regard to expenses is as follows: Whenever a teacher has remained on the field three years, if she wishes to visit her home and return again to her work, her return expenses will be paid from the point where she resided when she entered the work. As your home is in Mt. Pleasant, of course you are not under this rule, and in view of our heavy debt the Committee do not feel they can make an exception to this rule in your case. Therefore we will be unable to assist you in the expense of your proposed trip to California, but Mr. Eaton will secure reduced rates for you if possible, thus reducing the expense of your trip.

1889, June 7 — To — Mrs. F. H. Pierce, 16 Seminary St., Auburn, N.Y.

You ask for information regarding the "Poor Whites". The schools which we report are: Asheville, Concord, Riceville, North Carolina; New Market, Tusculum, Beech, Huntsville, Kismet, Washington College, and Grassy Cove, Tennessee. At present we have but one boarding school at Asheville, but expect to open another in the fall to be known as the Oakland Institute. The school at Concord, North Carolina, is also a boarding school. The sum total of pupils is 189 boarding, and 819 day. Instruction is largely elementary in character, as the pupils were almost entirely illiterate when they came under our care, but the standard is constantly advancing, and the new Institute about to be opened will be more advanced still. Our instruction is not merely that of the classroom; it is permeated throughout with Bible study and Christian and industrial education. We have not by any means been able to meet the demand for schools. In the mountain region there are whole counties without a single school, some sustain a school for two months of the year, or even three months, but the teachers are illiterate and the school becomes a farce.

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1889, June 3d, To — Mrs. S. S. Bryan, Titusville, Pa, from Mrs M. E. Boyd per E.

I fear it will require years of patient instruction and waiting before all the local treasurers' reports will correspond with my accounts, but they are better each year. We did have most glorious (annual) meetings, and I wish you might have shared the blessings with us.

1889, June 6, To — Mrs. James W. Paxton, 1300 Chapline St, Wheeling, W. Va. from Wom. Ex. Com. per Rogers

Please extend to the dear Kings Daughters our hearty thanks for their promised aid for Asheville. Since theirs is a boarding scholarship they will be entitled to quarterly letters from either their pupil or her teacher. We will write Miss Stephenson at once of their decision.

Next fall we expect to open the school in the basement of the Chapel. Will write Miss Stephenson that you desire to assume this first scholarship in the school and that it is to be called the Pansy Paxton Scholarship.

Dear Mrs. Dodge built well; she did such work as the Great Architect will delight to own. What a blessing the memory of such lives is to us!

1889, June 8, To — Miss Laura Sunderland, Washington, D.C. from Mrs. M. E. Boyd, Treas. per E.

I am very glad to be able to report ~~the amount~~ the amounts received for the deficit to date to be about \$14,500.— Over one half you will see. The answer to your second question is, that the cost of carrying on our work is about one and one half percent (1½ %) of the receipts. You can readily see that it is not too late for offerings for the deficit.

1889, June 11, To — Rev. Robert W. Hill, D.D, Tahlequah, Ind. Terr'y — from Helen E. Burnet, Secy

At our meeting of the Ways and Means Committee some questions arose regarding which our Ladies desire me to consult you.— The Rev. David Allen during the sessions of General Assembly informed us that some three or fours years ago a grant had been made to us by the Indians of 160 acres on which to locate a school at Fort Gibson, to cost from \$2000. to \$2500. The money has not been raised, and Mr. Allen feared that at the next council of the Cherokee Nation that grant would be recalled. The Ladies wish me to ask you if prompt action should be taken regarding this school? The other question relates to the desirability of a home or boarding school for Choctaw orphans abounding in Atoka, strongly urged by Rev. William J. A. Wenn when at our rooms during General Assembly.

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1889, June 9th - To - Mrs. A. R. McFarland, Howkan, Alaska from Miss M. E. Rogers for Woman's Ex. Comte.

Since Mrs. Walker left, a portion of my work has been that of preparing a revised record of scholarships pledged by our societies. I did not fully understand that great stress has in the past been given to scholarships, and did not in every instance retain the old numbers under which they were recorded and identified. Not until the receipt of your letter of April tenth did I have any idea that such an omission would cause confusion an trouble for the teachers. I enclose a list of only such scholarships for which we are now receiving money. No money has come for a considerable time for a few recorded on your list, and they are not entitled to your letters. If you find these on your list, you may retain the old numbers to save any confusion caused by the change. I would not add a feather's weight to your already heavy burden.

1889 – June 11 – To – Rev. Mr. Reed, Montclair, N.J.

We have learned with pleasure that your church are inclined to take a teacher's salary in a Utah school.

Our teachers suffer from lonliness and want of sympathy on the field and appreciate the privilege of being brought into contact with workers in the Home societies who are interested in their welfare and the progress of their work.

1889, June 15, To – Mrs. K. P. Bryan, Titusville, Penna.

Your request that your name be dropped from our list of Vice-Presidents was considered and unanimously voted down. We cannot afford to lose from that list the name of one who has so strengthened our work in its various departments, and while we regret that we cannot oftener have you meet with us, yet we count ourselves gainers in the fact that you are associated with us so thoroughly in all the practical workings of the Pennsylvania societies not only, but that your general interest is so helpful and broad.

I presume you have heard from others about our Annual Meetings. I think they were quite satisfactory. A whole afternoon was devoted to free and informal discussion which seemed to have been thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

I leave the office next week for a while for a much needed rest, but am glad before I go to have the satisfaction of seeing such a general response to the self-denial appeal.

About $15,000.– has come to us so promptly from all sources, accompanied by such general expressions of sympathy and confidence that have helped much to lighten the burden. We think we have our work for the coming year planned with such great care that we can hope to strengthen the things that remain. We want to make the work already begun more thorough, better equipped, and more helpful in every way.

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1889, June 12 — To — Rev. A. E. Austin, 1419 Lexington Ave., New York City, from Miss Burnet, Secy.
I am happy to write that at our meeting yesterday, the ladies of the Ways and Means Committee warmly, though unofficially, approved your plan of soliciting subscriptions for the church edifice at Sitka, Alaska, believing that you would present the cause so as not to divert collections from ordinary channels.
We trust that with very little trouble you and Mrs. Austin will soon rejoice in obtaining the full amount needed. Rev. Mr. W. E. Honeyman expects you Saturday at his home 59 Somerset St, Plainfield, New Jersey, before tea.

1889, June 12, To — M. A. Munger, Arlington, Kansas, from Mrs. M. E. Boyd, per E.
Enclosed is receipt for Arlington's contribution for the deficit.
We have never before realized so fully as in the last two months what an amount of self-denial has been practiced by those who are interested in the mission work, not only now, but always that they might "have the money for missions." "Where there is a will there is a way." A lady from the south told of the anxious ones who were desirous of securing an education, and that they knew it took some money, and therefore deny themselves many things in order to be able to contribute to the cause. A father and son have one good suit of clothes between them; the father wears the suit to church one Sunday, the son remaining home; the next Sunday the son has the privilege. This is a fact, the parties being among the Freedmen. The same degree of denial is found in many places and we only too happy when we are able to respond hopefully to appeals for new schools. The smallest gift can be used in some way and I trust you will feel that we appreciate the offerings from the Arlington ladies as well as your efforts in our behalf.

1889, June 13, — To — Mrs. A. L. Crane, 141 Perry St., Trenton, N.J. from Miss Helen E. Burnet, Sy.
Mrs. Finks is out of the office today but will be rejoiced to read your encouraging letter. x x The circulation of our magazine (Home Mission Monthly) is 12,000 copies.

1889 — June   Letters from Mrs. D. E. Finks, Sec'y

1889, June 15 – To – Mrs. J. L. Williams, Fort Wayne, Indiana.
I have promised myself the pleasure of writing since your kind communication reached this office containing your very generous contribution toward the Annual Meeting collection. The money was at once handed to our treasurer, and that your purpose and wish might be carried out thoroughly, it was held until the day of the Annual Meeting and the twenty dollar bill was dropped into the basket where it lay beside many other gifts which willing hands had brought to the meeting, and loving hearts consecrated to the use of the Lord.
You will be pleased to learn that the collection on the day of the Annual Meeting amounted to the goodly sum of $500.
Our accountant has just handed me the receipt for the twenty dollars which you sent for self-denial and which she has been unable get off earlier. Most of the self-denial gifts are in small amounts but necessitate a great amount of labor in acknowledging and classifying. We have now about $15,000.– of the amount needed.

1889, June 16, – To – Miss Sample, 214 W. 23d St., New York
I am sorry to have missed your call. We have few vacancies, comparatively, to fill this fall. In all the time I have been connected with the work there never have been so few changes on the field. Ordinarily there are teachers who find that they cannot continue in the work owing to failing health, or family circumstances resulting from sickness or death may be ~~reasons for their~~ return to their homes. This year we have few vacancies from these causes. On the entire Mormon field there are but two or three vacancies which are already pledged to workers who have been resting a year and now return to the work.

1889 – June Letters from Mrs. D. E. Finks, Sec'y

1889, June 15 – To – Mrs. Henry Bullard, St. Joseph, Mo.
I was glad to receive your letter as it threw new light on the subject of blanks and causes us to feel certain that we will be able to adjust the matter satisfactorily to all parties next year. I send you at this late date the large synodical blank. We have no desire to increase labor unnecessarily and with better understanding of the wishes of all parties, I think we may secure the desired information without multiplying blanks.

1889, June 16, – To – Rev. M. N. Adams, Sisseton Agency, Dakota.
When making grants we do not pledge to raise the amount in any specified time as this would be quite impossible, and the grants are always made with the express understanding that we are not liable for the expenditure until we have the funds in hand. I hope however that the grant for your field may be secured soon, and I will see that Mr. Eaton is notified when the money reaches our treasury.

1889, June 18, To – Miss Ella V. Bennett, Lockport, N. Y.
We have been making a little change in the departments of our work and our new secretary, Miss Helen E. Burnet, has been asked to take the correspondence with applicants. I accordingly turned your letter over to her, and presume you have her reply before this.

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Letters from Mrs. D.E. Finks, Sec'y

1889, June 17 – To – Rev. Howard Billman, Tucson, Arizona.
I feel that some apology is due you for this delayed reply to your recent communication. x x In addition to my own duties it has been necessary to attend to what ordinarily engaged Mrs. Walker's time. Her resignation took effect last February.
I think Mr. Boyd is writing to you concerning the cottages, and I will not touch upon that point, except to say that we are all pleased that one so competent and wise as yourself is directing and attending to their erection. This leads me to add that which is unnecessary to say but which I cannot deprive myself the pleasure of writing, namely, that I am sure I voice the sentiment of the Committee when I say that we have the utmost confidence in you, and are more than satisfied with the work which you have already accomplished.
We have written Carlos Montezuma the substance of your letter, making it plain that should he receive the appointment of physician, that he must help in every way. It seems wise at this office, to make a trial of him. He has been rescued from heathen savagery, was an Apache Indian captured on the plains when a boy, and is anxious for a life of Christian activity.
It is of course an experiment, but under your wise and judicious handling we feel he will have fair trial. Should he prove incompetent we will at least have discharged our obligation by having put him to the test.
When Dr. Kirkwood was with us recently, he said that not alone were you doing a great and good work for our Industrial School at Tucson, but that your influence was extending out through the Territory and that Arizona would be better for your having labored there. This is precisely what we have desired.

1889, June 18 – To – Miss Maggie Cort, Stewart Station, Pa.

Your letter to this office was answered by Miss Burnet, our new Secretary as I have been turning that department of the work over to her, it having been formerly in my charge.

There are few changes on the Utah field this year, nothing like the vacancies there were last year or the year before. Really, there are but two that we can propose to you; the others are being filled by teachers already on the field.

Wellsville where Miss Noble has for these past two years greatly strengthened the work will be vacant, as Miss Noble will probably go to Hyrum at the earnest solicitation of the workers there, as Miss Clements finds it necessary to take a year of rest. We should send to Wellsville some one capable of holding the situation alone as we cannot send two teachers there, but our rules permit a boarding scholarship, so that if you go there you would not be without companionship.

The other point is Fillmore, where Miss Cox, a most excellent teacher this past year has developed heart trouble and must seek restoration. Have you any preference as to these two fields? If so, I think we can give you a choice.

1889, June 18 – To – Mrs. Eugene Willard, Juneau, Alaska.

I do not feel like leaving the office for my summer vacation without sending a line, at least, in acknowledgement of your recent letter. I read with satisfaction of Miss Dunbar's arrival and the prospect that you and Miss Matthews will receive needed relief in her coming.

At our Annual Meeting ×× the Alaskan girls who are being supported by Mrs. Elliot Shepard were present, and made a most pleasing impression; their evident progress and intelligence were a good object lesson and served to widen interest in rescuing Alaska's daughters from the dreadful doom that awaits them without the churches' aid extended through the hands of our faithful missionaries

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Letters from Mrs. D.E. Finks, Secy

1889, June 18 – To – Mrs. M. T. Scott, Bloomington, Ills.
We heartily approve of your selection of Miss Susan Scott, of Lexington, for Vice-President and hope you will write her at once concerning the matter and notify her of the duties. As you are acquainted with her our Committee think that it will be better for you to conduct the correspondence. We are deeply grateful for your interest.

1889, June 19, To – Miss Anna S. Ludlum, Westhampton, Long Island, N.Y.
Dr. D. J. McMillan is at Deer Lodge, Montana, where he is building up a fine college. He is its president.
The building at Mt. Pleasant, Utah, is already begun, that is, the foundation is laid. You will remember that the Mormons subscribed $1500. – with the understanding that the building was to be begun and put up this year. In order to secure their pledge it was it was necessary that the foundation be laid; this has been done but the delay in putting up the superstructure is causing them much uneasiness, and us great anxiety. It is a great pity that we should lose any ground so hardily fought for and so dearly won.

1889, June 18, To – Dr. Carlos Montezuma, 2616 Cottage Grove Ave, Chicago, Ills.
We have been endeavoring to arrange a field of labor for you, but without definite success. There are some obstacles in the way before an appointment can be made. First, we have no field where your work would be distinctively and entirely medical. The field now in view at Tucson, Arizona, in connection with our Industrial School, requires but little medical attention, and medical service in the school would occupy only a small portion of your time, and when not thus engaged you would be expected to lay hold cheerfully wherever and whenever opportunity might offer, acting as helper to assist in looking after the boys and superintending in other work. There is another step to be taken before you can receive a commission. Our work is denominational, funds being raised by our Presbyterian Church. The rule of our Board is to commission none who are not members of the Presbyterian Church, or willing to become such. I believe you are

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you are a member of the Baptist Church, therefore if you receive appointment it would be necessary for you to change your church connection, uniting with the Presbyterian Church. If your preferences for the Baptist Church are so strong that you cannot do this, we cannot urge it, but at the same time we cannot confer the appointment. If you are willing to accept these conditions, I think there will be no hindrance whatever to your receiving the appointment to Tucson, Arizona, at a salary of $500.- per year.

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1889, June 14 - To - Hattie W. Halloway, Morristown, N.J. from Mrs. M.E. Boyd per E.
I think you must be interested in Logan, Utah, as all New Jersey societies seem to be enthusiastic about this their special work. You probably know that an appropriation of $6000.- was made for this new building for which New Jersey pledged the full amount. $4400.- has been paid to date.
As the building has not been commenced and probably will not be until fall, I am about to suggest that you allow this forty dollars to be credited to the building fund. It will be many months before money is needed for furnishing. Perhaps by the time we are ready for furnishing others will become interested and will contribute to it. The young ladies of Morristown Seminary may have an additional sum of money to dispose of by that time. If you prefer to have your gift applied to furniture we will retain it for the purpose.
I have taken for granted that Logan is the field to which you referred, but Salt Lake City is in the same condition, not yet commenced.

1889, June 25, To - Miss F. Bennett, Grooveland, N.Y. from Woman's Ex. Com. per Rogers.
I wish to write about the Springville scholarship. Mrs. Walker, our former secretary had the matter in advisement but her rapidly failing health demanded a hurried laying down of the work and many things were left unexplained, this among them. We regret the delay. Maud, the girl assigned your society has left the school and will in all probability not return. Mrs. Lee writes that she is now quite able to care for herself ~~now~~ and is glad to do so, being engaged as cook for a family in Montana.
Would you be willing to have another pupil assigned to you at Springville, or would you transfer your interest to some other point - say Tucson or Albuquerque? Both are large schools and greatly prospered during the year. People in their communities are looking with more favor upon their work and are doing what they can to help the schools. More children, especially at Tucson have asked for admission than could possibly be accepted. Albuquerque School has not been quite so full because of the burning of the building last year, and the erection of the new one, but reports from there are very gratifying.

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1889 - June 27 - To - Miss Lillie S. Thorp, Salina, Utah, from Miss Helen E. Burnet, Sec'y.
We have sent your letter to Mrs. E. N. Crosby, who (I understand) has signified her willingness to put up an addition to the Chapel. $500.— was granted for this purpose at our Spring Conference.

1889 - June 29th - To - Miss E. Jennie Redick, Washington, Iowa, from Woman's Ex. Com^{te}, Rogers.
We are glad to know that you have it in mind to aid in the "Poor White" work. Nothing would please us better than to assign a scholarship to you at our Industrial School at Asheville, North Carolina. These people are of our own nationality, and ignorant almost beyond description. The great mass of them have never had a book in their hands; never had any religion; have never known a Sabbath. When our Asheville school opened a year ago last October the house was quickly filled, much to our surprise and beyond our utmost expectations. Every room was more than full and to quote from Rev. Mr. Pease, the Superintendent of the school, "You would scarcely believe that so many could be safely placed in the little rooms they occupied; and more and more were constantly applying who had to be denied for want of room."
Do you inquire why they have not been educated if they are so desirous of learning? They have had no opportunity. The state until recently has made no provision for the education of these poor children. The great mass of them are growing up in ignorance and heathenism. Mr. Pease writes: "They come to us on foot; they come in a cart, drawn by an ox or a mule, in every way imaginable they come, and to see their little boxes and bundles - their apparel that they bring with them you would think their wardrobes very unattractive and scanty. Some of the girls when they come show in their faces so much sorrow, so little joy or hope, it is often remarked of them - "Oh, how joyless they are!" They never seem to smile, but in a little while the sunshine comes into their faces and their expressions so sad and hopeless become bright and hopeful. As little children they are beautiful but as they grow up their faces take on the sad dispairing look."

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1889, July 5th - To - Mrs. J. F. Kendall, La Porte, Indiana, from Mrs. M. E. Boyd per Florence Eaton

We know that to many figures are dry and uninteresting, but in accordance with a suggestion from Mrs. James M. Ham, I send a statement which, I think, cannot fail to interest you as it relates to our treasury. During the year 1888 - 1889 we paid for teachers' salaries alone $108,000.-. Of this amount about $60,000.- was pledged, but it reached us at the close of the year; <u>much</u> <u>of</u> <u>it</u> on the <u>last</u> <u>day</u>. July 1888 brought to us $1,928.- for salaries while it became necessary to expend $12,570.- In August only $807.- reached us designated for salaries. Thus, Mr. Eaton advances the money which we refund as fast as possible. Could societies be more regular in sending money, and that for salaries come in regular installments of $112.50 or $125.= (as the case requires) per quarter, we would be greatly relieved. Our general fund is small during the summer months.

Money for <u>pledged</u> salaries could bring $5,000.- per month or $15,000.- per quarter, but the first quarter of 1888 we had but $3,500.- and the second quarter $5,000.-, the total being less than the sum required in a single month to pay all of our teachers. We hope that time will bring a needed change - meanwhile, we can remember the word: "rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him, and He will give thee the desire of thy heart."

1889 — July

Letters of Miss Helen E. Burnet, Sec'y

1889, July 8, — To — Rev. W. P. Kontz, Cutler, Indiana.

In your letter of June 28th regarding Mr. Stoops you say: "It is proper to say that a judicious friend of mine, an elder in the Presbyterian Church who knows him, doubts his fitness for such a position." This is the only hint of any kind as to the possible unfitness of Mr. Stoops for the position we have in mind for him. Will you please get ~~it~~ from this good elder the reason why he thinks him unfit for the position, the requirements for which are something of the following nature: —

He would need to know how to manage the school in general, how to buy things needed for a boarding school; to keep the accounts correctly and accurately make reports of them whenever called upon by the Board of Home Missions, which would be at least once a quarter; to keep order and good discipline in the school; to control and manage all the departments of every nature, seeing that the pupils were provided food and clothing in sufficient quantity and of a proper kind; see that the pupils are brought to the school and sent home; to look after the religious welfare and spiritual wants, and in fact to do anything and everything required to promote the interests of a school of about seventy-five boarding pupils. All the employees would have to be under his control more or less and be guided and directed by him.

You can see by this that he would have to be a man of affairs, with cool head, wise judgment and especially in mission work a man with Christian spirit.

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1889, July 10 - To - Mrs. E. C. McElheny, Denver, Colo. from Miss M. E. Rogers.

Replying to your letter of June 28th, let me say there are always heavy demands upon our General Fund, a fund not kept in mind as it ought to be by the workers throughout the land. All unpledged salaries of teachers must be paid from it, and at present, over one hundred of them make a grate drain upon it, together with current expenses of our schools not met by special gifts for the purpose. Generous gifts during the past year increased our receipts by $94,000.— but these especially designated gave no help in meeting existing obligations. If the ladies of your Synod will do as well contributing to this fund as with any other object, by all means urge them to do it. If they do better when supporting a special object have them take a teacher's salary. Your synod did so well last year that a teacher's salary would be little for it to pledge. The scholarships are intended chiefly for mission bands. When a scholarship is not paid, that amount for school support must be met by our General Fund. The same condition exists when a teacher's salary is pledged but not paid.

1889 — July

1889, July 17 — To — Mrs. T. M. Niven, Dobbs Ferry, N. Y. from Miss M. E. Rogers for
Owing to the absence of Mrs. Finks and Miss Burnet I (Woman's Ex. Comtee
have the pleasure of answering yours of the 15th instant.
Letters from both Dr. Kirkwood and Mrs. Walker have been received,
each stating that the amount needed to put the Santa Fé, N. Mex.,
building in order will be about $4,000.— No provision has yet
been made for heating, lighting and furnishing the building—
plumbing, grading the grounds and fencing, laying
walks &c. It is expected the four thousand will include
all these.

1889, July 17, To — Rev. Arthur T. Pierson, D. D., Northfield, Mass,
Your letter is just received. There is no objection to having
your daughter (Miss Laura Pierson) delay starting for Tucson,
Arizona, until September 8th. We hope however she will
be ready to go by that date D.V.

Woman's Ex. Comtee per R.

1889, July 18 — To — Miss Julia A. Rumel,
I have the pleasure to enclose a receipt for $20.=
We are glad and thankful to receive this donation for it does show
that the other gift for our deficit was a special. Some have thought
that our appeal would bring gifts that would take the place of those
for the regular work, but I think not. Is not this gift from the
Presbyterian Home in Philadelphia one proof?
With kind thanks for your interest and prayers, and wishing
you all peace and many days of work for Christ,

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1889, July 26 – To – Mrs. J. Sinclair, Dobbs Ferry, N.Y. – From Woman's Ex Comtee per Rogers.
Most of the questions in your letter of the 24th none of us were able to answer, so they have been referred to Rev. Mr. Billman and Dr. Kirkwood. Both the gentlemen of the Board and our ladies agree that one cottage will be better than two, for the reason that of the $6000.– pledged, $3,000.– would not possibly put up such a building in Arizona as is needed. $6,000.– would build one building large enough to accommodate twenty-five girls, and all things considered our ladies think that the better plan.

1889, July 26. – To – Rev. Howard Billman, Tucson, Arizona. from Woman's Ex Comtee per Rogers.
The ladies of our Woman's Executive Committee would like to ask some questions regarding the proposed cottage for Tucson, Arizona. They understand that you consider it a better plan to build one rather than two as was decided at first. How many bed-rooms would it contain? How many teachers' rooms? How large a kitchen? How many stories in height? Of what is the cottage to be built? Of what is the roof to be made? How much land will the building cover? Will there be a cellar? In which direction will the building face – N. E. S. or W.? Will the front be toward the main building? Is there to be a laundry?
We shall be greatly obliged if you will answer these questions, also give us a rough plan of the cottage as you would like it to be.

1889, July 27. To – Miss Mary D. Sheppard, Bunker Hill, Ills. from Helen E. Burnet, Secy.
You may have heard of the Oakland Institute to be opened at Asheville, North Carolina, this coming autumn under the auspices of our Woman's Executive Committee, as a missionary industrial school somewhat on the Mount Holyoke plan. We have opened correspondence with the view to securing a principal for this institution and through Miss Fanny N. Nelson of Geneva, New York, have heard of you. Would you consider a call to this school?

1889 – August

1889, Aug 6, To – Miss Petra, Rendon, Las Vegas, New Mexico, from Miss Helen E. Burnet, Sec.
I write to inform you that you have been assigned to be missionary teacher at Agua Negra, New Mexico, on the recommendation of Rev. James Fraser. Trusting that you will receive all needed grace and strength for the work, and a rich fulfilment of the Saviour's promise to be with you alway,

1889, Aug. 7 – To – Miss Sue V. Scott, Lexington, Ky.

I am very glad indeed that you are disposed to consider the matter of accepting the proffered position of Vice-President of the Woman's Executive Committee. While the position is a responsible one, I think the duties will not be too arduous to prevent acceptance. It is the policy and purpose of our Committee to select representative women in the various synods who shall become identified with our work, to promote the formation of societies and stimulate interest in their synods.

It is not our wish to hinder the usefulness of any officer in the performance of duties already assumed, but I do think in this case you will find the additional office a help rather than an embarrassment or hindrance.

We like to have our Vice-Presidents, as far as possible, attend our Annual Meetings. This is mutually beneficial. We also look to them for advice and suggestions in the conduct of our work. As each knows her own field, she is able to inform us with regard to the necessities of her synod. If presbyteries are not organized for home mission work, we like to have our Vice-Presidents assist if possible; and also to enlist the interest and sympathy of individuals in our work and its purpose. If you accept the position as I trust you will, I shall doubtless have the opportunity of personal conference with you.

1889, Aug. 7 – To – Rev. W. A. Gay, Corry, Pa.

We have received a letter from Mrs. M. C. DeVore making application for appointment as a mission teacher. She makes a favorable impression, but we need to understand thoroughly the qualifications of workers before conferring appointments. As you are her pastor you may be able to give the desired information. Kindly write freely and frankly concerning her Christian character, her bearing and manner, intellectual acquirements, culture, traits of disposition and spiritual attainments. It is desirable that our knowledge be as broad as possible. Whatever you communicate will be quite confidential.

1889 — August

1889 Aug 8th — To — Miss Louise Bulkley, Irvington, New York (letter written by Miss Helen E. Burnet, Secy)

Having known you only in connection with the Woman's Union Missionary Society for so many years, you will probably be surprised to learn that I have accepted an unexpected call to Presbyterian work. Indeed, I cannot tell what your Church connection is, but have thought you might possibly direct us to a lady suitable for the position of Principal of our new school at Asheville, North Carolina. She must be one of good attainments, and of strong governing power. Knowing your warm interest in missionary work, I feel sure that you will help us if possible.

1889, Aug. 8th — To — Miss Minnie M. Orr, Marietta, Ohio. (Letter of Miss Helen E. Burnet, Secy)
In the absence of Mrs. Finks, I write after consulting Mr. Boyd who says: "Do not admit into our school, children who are too young. It is not our intention that half-breeds are to receive attention to the neglect of the full bloods. We prefer full-bloods, but not to exclusion of others. Choose the most promising, those capable of best results from a business point of view. We wish to prepare the best material for future teachers, and thus further the interests of the Nation, but exclude none. You will remember it was the practice of the Apostle Paul to preach in great centers rather than in country districts, thus reaching greater numbers of souls. Is it not right to apply the same principle to missionary work at home?

1889 — Aug 16, To Mrs. S. S. Bryan, Titusville, Penna (Letter by Mrs. Emily Baker)
As Mrs. Finks was not well yesterday, I thought it wise to accompany her home, and did not enclose the promised list of schools where teachers are supported by your presbyterial societies from whom Christmas boxes may be sent,

Allegheny and Pittsburgh Presb'ls	Park Hill School,	Indian Territory	30 pupils
	Box Elder ",	Utah	18 "
Blairsville Presbyterial,	Sisseton Agency,	Dakota	170 "
Butler "	Asheville,	North Carolina	125 "
Carlisle "	Logan,	Utah	100 "
Chester "	Weyaka,	Indian Territory	90 "
Erie "	Antonito,	Colorado	40 "
Lehigh "	Pleasant Grove,	Utah	30 "
Northumberland "	Logan,	Utah	100 "
	Raciada,	New Mexico	10 "
Philadelphia, 2nd Church,	Juneau,	Alaska	25 "
" Walnut Street,	Jemez, Hot Springs	New Mexico	20 "
" Central,	El Ranchos de Taos	New Mexico	70 "

1889 — August

Letter from Mrs. D. E. Finks, Secy.

1889, Aug 14 - To - Mrs. A. R. Moore, Nuyaka, Ind. Ter.
I am very glad indeed to learn upon returning to the office after my vacation, that you and your husband are to assume control of affairs at Nuyaka again. I really feel much more satisfaction at this arrangement than I know how to express well.
I am sorry that I was absent when Judge Moore called at our office; it would have given me great pleasure to have met him.

1889 — August

Letters from Mrs. D.E. Finks, Sec'y

1889, August 14, To — Rev. Howard Billman, Tucson, Arizona.
I take pleasure in laying the plans and your letter before our Committee. I am deeply impressed with the great good sense which your view of the subject presented in your letter shows. We want our mission to be a help and in no way a hindrance to the Indian boys and girls; we want the training to be adapted to their condition. We should not make idle creatures of them; we must suit our plans to circumstances and try to meet real needs.

1889, Aug. 15 — To — Mrs. S.S. Bryan, Titusville, Pa.
We have pledged ourselves to assist in the erection of several chapels in Indian Territory. One of these is at Wynnwood where a very worthy and devoted missionary, Mrs. Hotchkiss, will conduct a day school. $200.- is needed to supplement the amount raised by the people and granted by the Board of Church Erection. At Pauls Valley, Indian Territory, $250. is needed for the same purpose. Both are <u>very</u> worthy and pressing.

1889, (Sept.) 19, To — Mrs. E.N. Barrett, Iowa City, Iowa. (Letter by Mrs. M.E. Boyd)
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Your kind letter to Mrs. Finks has been carefully considered. We appreciate your desire to have Mrs. Finks with you this fall but this will be impossible as she has relinquished all engagements of this kind at present. If her strength is carefully husbanded we hope she will be thoroughly restored soon; but absolute quiet is imperative. We are arranging for Mrs. C.E. Walker to visit various synods this fall and present our work; she is so acceptable as a speaker that we feel sure that good results will follow in every case.

1889 August

Letters written by Miss Helen E. Burnet, Secy

1889, Aug 19th - To - Mrs. Charles E. Walker, Santa Fe', New Mexico. (Letter by Miss Helen E. Burnet, Secy)
Your letter to Mrs. Finks was read at a meeting of the Executive Committee on the seventeenth and it was resolved that if you cannot see Mrs. Cooper otherwise than by going to "The Pecos", your carfare and expenses will be granted for the journey.
You will regret to learn that Mrs. Finks is very unwell and has been ordered away by her physician for a month at least. I am particularly interested in hearing from you being your successor in work. I hope your health has improved much.

1889, Aug. 27, - To - Miss Anna B. Dwight, Chesterfield, Mass.
I am happy to inform you that you have been appointed in charge of the day school at Asheville in the little Chapel of which I told you. We have secured a college graduate, Miss Mary Graham for Principal of Oakland Institute. × × × Mr. Dodge may write you regarding the school. It is in the suburbs of Asheville and he and Mr. Pease bought the Chapel. Mrs. Finks is ill and I cannot learn much regarding the grades of the school.

1889, Aug. 28 - Mrs. I. B. Pratt, 141 Academy St., Poughkeepsie, New York.
We are indebted largely to you for the appointment of Miss Dooly as housekeeper at Oakland Institute, Asheville, N. Car., which I hope she will accept. Thank you for Mr. Dodge's letter sanctioning this step.

1889 - Aug 28, To - Mrs. Margaret C. De Vore, Corry, Pa.
As Mrs. Finks who has conducted correspondence regarding Alaska with you is ill, it devolves upon me to notify you of your appointment as missionary teacher to Sitka.

1889 — September

1889, Sept. 6 – To Mrs Delos E. Finks, Pine Hill, Ulster Co., N. Y. (Letter by Miss Burnet, Sec'y)
Mrs. Baker tells me she has written to you of the action of the Executive Committee of September 3d, offering you three months of rest (well earned, I am sure.) but it may not be unacceptable to read it again officially. Putting on the brakes is a difficult task, I know, but the ladies were so pleased to learn yesterday of your improvement. Mrs. Boyd is helping us which is a great relief.

1889, Sept. 6 – To Miss A. B. Dwight, Campbell Hill, Orange Co., N. Y. (Letter, Miss H. E. Burnet, Sec'y)
The gleanings I have for you are as follows:— The Chapel School is our third school at Asheville. We have about thirty-five acres in a suburb of Asheville where are located the Oakland Institute, the Home Industrial School, and the Chapel School. The property is controlled by Mr. Stuart Dodge and Rev. L. M. Pease. The Chapel School has about thirty pupils of all ages

1889, Sept. 7 – To Miss Mary R. Martin, Taylorville, Ills. (Letter Miss Helen E. Burnet.)
You have signified your willingness to take the sewing department in one of our schools. Should such a position be granted by our Board and offered to you would you be willing to go to Santa Fe, New Mexico? I copy duties for sewing teacher: To occupy chamber on Second Floor; to oversee cleaning on Second Floor from 7.30 a.m. to 9 a.m., To be in sewing room from 9.30 a.m. to 12 M. and from 1.30 to 4 P.M., To take charge of girls from 4.30 P.M. to 5.30 P.M., To prepare sewing from 6.30 P.M. to 7.00 P.M., ~~to take turns~~ with the other teachers putting girls to bed on Sunday and Wednesday evenings; Thursday forenoons, general cleaning on 2nd floor – no sewing.

1889, Sept. 10, – To Miss Sarah F. Lincoln, (Letter written by Mrs. M. E. Boyd, Treas.)
It gives me great pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, and to say that your decision to come to our assistance is very gratifying to us. We too feel that you are coming not as a stranger but as a sister beloved. Mrs. Ham has introduced you to us most favorably.
The time of your coming will suit us. And if you have not yet engaged board and expect to come to Brooklyn, anything that I can do for you in that line I will gladly do.

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1889 - Sept. 10, - To Miss Scott - (Presumably Miss Sue Scott, Kentucky.)
Letter by Mrs. M. E. Boyd, Treasurer)

In Mrs. Finks absence from the office on account of illness, I will endeavor to reply to your good letter, and as well as I can, answer your enquiries. But first I know you will be anxious to know how serious this illness is; and I am glad to say that she is improving and we hope that perfect rest from office duties will in due time fully restore her. She has given too much of her time and strength to this work and nature rebelled. We shall watch her more closely and not allow it when she again takes up her work. Now in regard to the duties of the office of Vice-President I would say that it will be expected of you to represent our work in your Synod, and to increase interest and adopt methods looking to this end. You will bring yourself into acquaintance and sympathy with the Synodical Committee of Home Missions and advise with them in matters relating to the work. You will be a leader in the interest of Home Missions and have room for the exercise of originality of plans and efforts along the prescribed lines of Presbyterial and Synodical work.

We shall be pleased to maintain a constant union and sympathy by correspondence.

The spirit of your letter and the character of your enquiries are good evidence of the fitness you have for the position to which you have been chosen.

May you ever have the conscious guidance of Him for whom we labor. Ever sincerely yours,

Mary E. Boyd, Treasurer

1889 – September

1889-Sept. 20 – To – Mrs. C. C. Sinclair, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. (Letter written by Mrs. M. E. Boyd, Treas.)
Your very interesting letter regarding work being done by Miss Skea among the Indians of the Tama Res. has been read with pleasure. We desire to know more in reference to it. Of course it is all new now and what may be done in future is uncertain. If we may hear from you or Miss Skea from time to time as to plans, prospects, etc., it will aid in determining what is best to do. If we had all the money needed, our hearts would be light indeed. We have tried to send a speaker for your Synodical meeting, Oct. 10th, but failed. If it had been on the eleventh, Mrs. Walker could have reached the place of meeting. We know the spirit and talent of the Iowa ladies well enough to feel assured that you will have a thoroughly profitable meeting.
If Iowa will undertake to raise the #1200. so greatly needed at Las Vegas we would be very much pleased. The General Fund we must never forget.

1889, Sept 21, To – Mrs. C. W. Robinson, Bloomington, Ills. (Letter written by Miss Haines for Woman's Ex. Cmte.)

We send today a small package of samples of all our best leaflets except the free ones. If you will look them over and send a list of the number of each kind you would like you will aid us much. We furnish the leaflets to Synodical and Presbyterial societies at twenty per cent discount in the hope that it will be found an inducement to retain those that are sent rather than to pay the expense of returning those that are not sold. We are however perfectly willing to receive any leaflets returned in good condition. We will send an itemized bill of priced leaflets sent if we receive a list from you. We do not expect payment until the leaflets are sold. Samples of our magazine and all free leaflets will be included.

1889 — September,

Excerpts from letters written by Mrs. M. E. Boyd Treas.

1889, Sept. 20, — To — Mrs. Eliza Ellis, Eau Claire, Wisconsin. (Letter from Mrs. M. E. Boyd Treas.)

I wonder if the name of a new school will sound strange to you? In planning work for this year it has been suggested that we ask the Synod of Wisconsin to take up new work and aid in our building fund. Other synods have raised money for this special fund, and realizing the great need of new school buildings as well as repairs on many old ones, we are about to suggest that Wisconsin call Buena Vista, New Mexico, their special work. Six hundred dollars (600.=) is the amount needed for this point where at present the teacher collects her little school and teaches as the children are seated on boxes and tubs. Surely the children must be eager to learn, and I do not doubt they wonder why our Committee do not send desks. The teacher probably explains how many calls we have, and urges them to be content until a better day.

1889, Sept. 21 — To — Mrs. C. E. Walker, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Mrs. James has informed us of your very kind promise to attend Synodical meetings this fall, an arrangement which is very pleasing to us. We feel sure of good meetings and good results when you go. The trip planned for you is as follows:—

Kansas,	Lawrence,	October 4 th.
Michigan,	Kalamazoo,	" 8
Wisconsin,	Madison,	" 9
Missouri,	Holden,	" 16

In arranging details please address:—

Mrs. J. W. Hanna, Emporia, Kansas.
Mrs. D. M. Cooper, 501 Jefferson St., Detroit, Michigan
Mrs. W. J. Allen, 176 — 23d St., Milwaukee, Wis.
Mrs. R. W. Irwin, St. Charles, Mo.

Later we will send you words as to old work and new that need pressing.

1889 — September — Letters from Mrs. M. E. Boyd, Sec. pro tem

1889, Sept 18 — To — Mrs. E. R. Perkins, Cleveland, Ohio,
Your letter to Mrs Finks regarding a speaker for Synodical meeting in October has received careful consideration. Mrs. Finks is not able to attend any meetings this fall, and we are not willing that she should expend her slowly returning strength. The fact that Mrs. James has promised to be with you is very comforting to us and we congratulate you upon the pleasant prospect. Mrs. James' addresses always produce a deep impression and good results. Her love for the work, her long acquaintance with it and her strong argumentative style make her especially impressive. She will be furnished with plans for the coming year which we are arranging now for the various synodical societies. We hope you can have Mrs. Finks at sometime in the future.

1889, Sept 24, To — Mrs. W. E. Honeyman, Plainfield, N. J.
What do you think of proposing to the ladies of New Jersey to raise $3000.— toward the improvements at Asheville. Dr. Dodge has made himself responsible for about $4000.— of the amount needed, and the balance of $3000.— remains. Asheville is an object of much interest just now, and we think it will be an attractive object for New Jersey. Please write us what you think about this. Of course this is simply for the building fund. The former salaries and general fund continue as in the past.
The $10,000.— still to be raised for the Asheville Institute will be given to other Synods. This $3000.— is toward the new school room, gymnasium, &c.,

1889, Sept. 24 — To — Mrs. Charles Robinson, Bloomington, Ills.
In presenting new work to the Synodical Society of Illinois, this year we had thought you would like to share with New York and Philadelphia the privilege of helping to raise $10,000.— for Asheville, North Carolina. This amount is still due upon that beautiful building which came to us so providentially and so unexpectedly through the generosity of individuals. Do you think your ladies will become responsible for a part of this amount as their building fund object for the coming year?

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1889, Sept. 24 – To – Miss Mary Johns, Knoxville, Tennessee. (Letter by Miss Helen E. Burnet)

Mrs. Davies writes of your desire to engage in missionary work at the Home Industrial School, Asheville, North Carolina. We are happy to know you are thus inclined. I will write Rev. L. M. Pease, who will be most competent to arrange this matter.

Although we desire in our teachers the best qualifications for the class-room, our most earnest wish is to be assured of their whole-souled consecration to Christ and their desire to win souls for Him. We are pleased to know you are an earnest worker in Church and Sunday school, and would be glad to know what motives incline you to mission work.

A former worker at Asheville writes that none of the teachers play the organ and it is desirable to have one who can do this at family worship. Can you do this?

The work at the Home has to be divided among 132 girls – every month. Classes in cooking are daily. Laundry work and personal baths are carefully systematized. The position is really that of house mother.

1889, Sept. 24, To – Rev. James S. Black, Colorado Springs, Colorado. (Mrs. M. E. Boyd Treas.)

We have understood there was a legacy left by a lady who was a member of your congregation in which we were remembered. We are anxious to know what steps to pursue in reference to securing it.

We do not want to use any undue haste in the matter, but desire to omit nothing that we ought to do. Will you kindly advise me in reference to it? There is such pressing need for money in the prosecution of our work that there is abundant reason for all the anxiety we feel.

1889 — September

Letters from Mrs. M. E. Boyd

1889, Sept 24 — To — Mrs. E. F. Pomeroy, Minneapolis, Minn.

We suppose Mrs James has written that we greatly desire that you should represent our work at Colorado Springs. The special building object which we would like to have presented to the ladies of Colorado Synodical Society is that among the Pima Indians where Rev. Mr. Cook is laboring. You may remember the address he made at our annual meeting last spring, how he told of the cramped quarters they were in. He has been promised $500.— to improve the present quarters. Will you try to interest the Colorado ladies in this building project?

We would suggest that the building at Hoonah, Alaska be presented to the Minnesota Synodical Society. This is greatly needed, the school is now held in the room over the home of the missionaries and its crowded condition renders it unsafe. For other very evident reasons this building is greatly needed. $1500.— is the amount required.

1889, Sept. 24, To — Mrs. D. M. Cooper, Detroit, Mich.

We would like to propose to Michigan as work for the coming year, the raising of $2000.— for Smithville, Utah. This school has outgrown its present quarters. It was begun with a building costing $600.— and one teacher; outgrowing this an addition was made for $600.— more, employing two teachers; now the school has increased so as to need a larger building which will cost $3000.— The old one can be sold for $1000.—, leaving but $2000.— to be raised. Please let us know if Michigan would like to take this and work for it?

1889 — September

1889, Sept. 25 — To Mrs. C. L. Bailey, Harrisburg, Pa.
We are greatly pleased with the idea of your going to Baltimore.
Mrs. James wrote of her providential meeting with you in Philadelphia. Baltimore Synod has promised to raise $1000.— for the enlargement of the Boy's Home at Sitka the coming year. They promise also to encourage giving to the General Fund. This is very important. They have some grand workers. You will have a good meeting. Mr. A. E. Austin (of Sitka) will also be present, and he always interests his hearers.
Our dear Mrs. Finks is slowly improving. She will go to Asheville, North Carolina for a change.
All is going on smoothly; the dear Master whose work we are doing never fails us. I hope we may see you at our meetings often.

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1889, Sept. 27 — To — Mrs. Charles E. Walker, Colorado Springs, Colo. (Letter by Mrs. M. E. Boyd)
We are glad to know that you are ready for your missionary trip, and to forward the needfuls.
We thought to try to interest Kansas and Missouri in raising the $700.— so greatly needed at Sisseton for repairs and improvements. That work is so interesting and full of encouragement it will be a pleasure to help it.
We have proposed that Wisconsin raise $600.— for a building at Buena Vista, New Mexico. Poor Miss Bloom our teacher there is using old boxes and tubs for benches.
We are concerned about the General Fund. Talk it up strongly. The "specials" provide for many things, but Mr. Eaton says to be sure to emphasize the General Fund. Our work has grown to enormous proportions and only a greatly increased liberality can keep it going forward. Dr. Kendall is just issuing a circular on "Our Encouragements." Will send some to you as soon as printed.

1889, Sept. 27 — To — An unaddressed postal card (Written for Woman's Executive Comtee per Taft)
The number of copies of the Home Mission Monthly taken in New York Synod is 2500. Subscription lists cannot be kept presbyterially. This number is about 500 greater than that of last year.

1889 — September

1889, Sept. 25, To — Mrs. S. S. Bryan, Titusville, Pa. — from Florence E. Eaton for Mrs. Boyd
Yes, indeed, we all do miss Mrs. Finks but hope we may have her back with us in a few months. In the meantime if we work faithfully, when we are laid aside some one will be found to do the work. Mrs. Boyd is taking Mrs. Finks' place as editor, and indeed finds many other things to do. All working together feel the work cannot stop.
How enthusiastic you all are over Juneau! A card before me now says that Octoraro can raise $100.— for Juneau.
No, we have not yet offered anyone the $250.— for McAlester. If you can secure it we shall be so glad.
As you suggest, we offer another object. At Sisseton, Dak. our school has been so prosperous that the little Church will not contain all the people who come. On Sunday the little Infant Class are obliged to stand outside by the windows when the day is pleasant, and there they listen to the instruction given within; on stormy days they go far away to some house that will hold them. The Board had made an appropriation of $175.= for enlargement and repairs of the little chapel. If you feel the thrill that we do over this fact, I do not doubt that you can do something for the church. I remember well that the school was built with Pennsylvania's money.

1889, Sept. 30, — To Mrs. C. E. Walker, Colorado Springs, Colo. (Letter from Mrs. M. E. Boyd, Treas.)
We would be much more disappointed about your inability to meet the Missouri ladies were it not that your own Synod will be the gainer by it. We are glad you are to be there. And you may be sure of our prayers and sympathies as you journey and speak. We can appreciate your feeling of embarrassment in speaking upon the present condition of the work. But your general knowledge of it at present and your particular knowledge of it in the past will prove sufficient for all particular purposes. Plead for money, my dear Mrs. Walker, with all the eloquence of which your tongue and heart are capable which is not small, as many can testify. I think we have not as yet begun to realize the extent of the contract we have on our hands. We must realize it and come up to the requirements, or we must go backward. May God forbid that we shall do that! You will of course put in a strong appeal for the magazine. We want presbyterial societies to have an officer appointed to stir up and encourage local agents in the churches.

1889 — October

1889, Oct 1st — To Mrs. C. L. Bailey, Harrisburg, Penna (Letter by Mrs. M. E. Boyd, Treas.)
If the way is open for you to be present at the Baltimore (Synodical) meeting you will be we are sure. You can be trusted to do all that is duty and more. Will you not certainly send some one in your place if you are providentially prevented going? But I need not fear that you will be less interested than ourselves.
We were glad to look over the Treasurer's Report of Carlisle Presbyterial Society. It is a model report. Please take some with you to Baltimore. We have many precious tokens that the work is taking deeper root in societies, presbyterial and local.
We had a precious devotional hour this morning led by Miss Alice Robertson of Indian Territory. Our coming synodical meetings were the subject of prayer and very special requests went up for those who should speak.

1889, Oct 2, To — Mrs. J. C. Gallup, Clinton, N.Y. (Letter written by Mrs. M. E. Boyd, Treas.)
Yes, there are many buildings needing funds. There is no fear of receiving too much. If a good round sum could be raised, great relief would be felt. A full statement regarding these buildings will appear in the November Home Mission Monthly. We long to wipe out some of the long standing obligations, and some of them require so little. I wish I could appeal for the General Fund as I feel about it. There is danger of overlooking it and it is very important.
Miss Eaton's clear and neat statement we take pleasure enclosing.

1889 Oct 5th. To — Mrs. D. R. James, 392 Clinton St., Brooklyn, N.Y. (By Helen E. Burnet, Secy)
You will be glad to know that Oakland Institute at Asheville opened October first with twenty-two boarding pupils.

1889, Oct. 9th – To – Mrs. Charles E. Walker,

We were glad to hear that you were able to go to Missouri. Do not fail to urge the circulation of the magazine. If every Presbyterial Society would appoint a secretary whose special duty, it would be to stimulate this department, working in connection with local agents, it would be a great help in our judgment. If facts are not known how can we expect interest, and when they are known how easy it is to increase the interest and cooperation of our Presbyterian women. May God keep you and bless you and make you a blessing as He has in the past.

1889, Oct. 9th – To – Mrs. Darwin R. James,

It was a disappointment not to see you on Monday in the Office. I have been thinking of you very often as speeding onward in your missionary trip. It is not hard to understand something of the sacrifice you make in leaving home and children again so soon. In imagination we see your happy face and hear your cheerful voice and we know that God is with you and will make use of your whole-hearted service. We shall remember you daily and others, who, like you, are journeying and meeting friends and co-workers. The Master, whom you serve, will give you a message, and will help you in delivering it, and good results cannot fail to follow.

1889, Oct. 11, – To – Mrs. C. W. Robinson, Bloomington, Ills.

Upon further consideration it is deemed best to withdraw the Asheville Institute from the list of building fund objects. The money for the Institute hitherto has been provided by liberal individuals. It is thought best to secure the remaining ten thousand dollars due on the building from the same sources, namely, large hearted and wealthy individuals. If you can present this object to any such, this will be very desirable.

1889, Oct 11 – To – Mrs. C. M. Stryker, Philadelphia, Pa.

For your meeting Nov. 7th we are to send the very best missionary speaker that can be procured. – Miss Fanny Perley is a very effective speaker, can present the Utah work and that at Salt Lake Institute as well as any one we know. She has addressed societies everywhere and people are delighted with her.

1889 — October

1889, Oct. 12 — To — Mrs. N. B. Moore, Okmulgee, Ind. Ter. (Letter by Miss H. E. Barnet, Secy)
In regard to your question: "I wish to know "Just how much is it proper to consult with Dr. Hill and how much with the Board of Home Missions?" In reply, Mr. Boyd says, "that Dr. Hill suggests and advises, representing the Board in Indian Territory. If he takes the responsibility of deciding a question he relieves the Board of the responsibility in the matter; but as an ordinary rule the final settlement of all matters rests with the Board.

1889, Oct 16 — To — Mrs. E. N. Barrett, Iowa City, Iowa.
We are pleased to know you are interested in the work among the Sac and Fox Indians in your State; it does seem eminently proper that missionary work in a State should be carried on by people of the State. When the work is definitely planned by our Board we shall be very glad to communicate with you in regard to it.

1889, Oct. 16 — To — Mrs. A. R. McFarland, Howcan, Alaska.
Your letter dated August 27th, is before me. It is with sad hearts that we think of you in your far distant home. That was indeed a mysterious Providence that in one hour swept away the labor of yours and the homes of so many dear to you. Your letters are certainly brave considering the trial you have endured. To think of suffering this calamity without having the sympathy of Eastern friends for so long is sad indeed but we know God is present with you.

1889, Oct. 19, — To — Mrs. S. T. Stapleton, Parkersburg, West Va. (Letter from Mrs. M. E. Boyd)
It is indeed true that the "Home" at Hydah, Alaska, under the care of Mrs. A. R. McFarland as well as the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Gould, were wholly destroyed by fire August 13th. Nothing was saved from the Girls' Home; a few articles were rescued from flames in Mr. Gould's home.
We cannot tell what the future of the mission will be, this question will be considered at the next meeting of the Board of Home Missions.

1889 — October

1889, October 12 – To – Mrs. S. S. Bryan, Titusville, Penna. (Letter from Florence E. Eaton)
Will it gladden your heart just a little bit, to add $213.– to the Salt Lake Fund! This includes $25.00 sent by you; the balance came from Huntingdon Presbytery. The contributions from Pennsylvania have been one continual surprise to me, with one exception, Allegheny and Pittsburgh, but I forgot for the moment, how much they did for the sufferers. Even Blairsville can send $200.–. And in this presbytery two societies have at one time given more to our work than they did the whole of last year. Johnstown is the third, $10.= as a kind of thank offering from a lady whose life was spared after a night and a day of suffering. This page contains words of encouragment for you, dear friend, and Pennsylvania alone.

1889, Oct. 23 – To – Miss Mary Johns, Knoxville, Tenn. (Letter from Helen E. Burnet, Sec'y)
I am happy to say that at a meeting of the Board yesterday you were appointed Primary Teacher for the Home Industrial School at Asheville, North Carolina, at a salary of $300.= and board. Miss Stephenson writes in a letter received this morning: "What are the prospects for help?" I hope it will be convenient for you to go at once. I will leave this letter open as Mr. Eaton, Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions, thinks he can send you a pass today.

1889, Oct 24, To – Mrs. H. P. Bryan, Titusville, Penna (Letter Mrs. M. E. Boyd, Treas.)
Out of the busy hours, I must take a little time to tell you how gratifying to me has been the correspondence from you and the intense earnestness with which the work for the coming year is being pressed in Pennsylvania. We know it will always be so there while you are guiding the work and you know what we think here but it is pleasant to say it. All that Pennsylvania promises she will perform and she promises grandly. We are so encouraged and strenghened by your strong support.
Mrs. Finks is still in Asheville, N. C., expects to return home next week. She will have to take up her duties gradually. We have carried the work along in her absence with divine help. It has been my privilege to talk with the great army of workers through the magazine which has been my special care during the editor's absence. All departments of our work have grown in importance and requirements. Especially have I been touched by the spirit of workers in in the flooded districts. Today a letter from Youngstown tells of a praise meeting and offering of $100.= because of gratitude to God. May God bless you, dear Mrs. Bryan.

1889 _ October

Letters from Mrs. M. E. Boyd
Treas.

1889, Oct 19th _ To - Mrs. H. M. Alexander, *10 W. 34th St, City
We are glad to receive a communication from you and to know of your improved health. We wish most sincerely that our dear Mrs. Finke was able to call herself "quite well again"; we hope she may be able soon to say this. You ask for suggestions as to special work for the coming season. There are so many special needs that we hardly know how to select from among them, and our treasury is in such condition that we have come to a stand-still. We hope for relief from the Sabbath School collections and the Praise Meetings of November.

1889, Oct. 25, _ To - Miss Fanny Perley, Washington, D.C.
We are following you with a great deal of interest as you go from place to place in your arduous but blessed work. We hear delightful reports of your meetings and feel sure that the results will follow them in every instance.
We have written Mrs. Bryan asking that she release you for the last two weeks of November for New York, Brooklyn and vicinity. Meetings for this period are being arranged in this neighborhood for these weeks.
If you can come to Brooklyn on Saturday, November 16th, I would be very glad to have you spend the Sabbath with me in a quiet restful way before you begin the meetings that follow. Some of these for which we are arranging are very important ones because the ladies are grand, good workers in Foreign Missions but have not yet developed interest in the home field.
You are both wise and good. May the dear Lord bless you more abundantly.

1889 — October

Letter from Miss Helen E. Burnet, sec'y

1889, Oct. 28 — To — Mrs. A. L. Day, Arlington, N.J.

I enclose a list of scholarships from which your band can choose its work. If they feel unable to pay much, a scholarship at the Home Industrial School at Asheville, N.C. might be taken. I quote from a letter from Miss Stephenson of that school: "The school re-opened September 18th with 90 pupils. Had we admitted all who came, hoping to be entered without any previous arrangement, the house would have been filled to over-flowing, and there were enough requests, made in behalf of those who did not appear upon the scene, to take pupils next year to fill another house the size of this. The sisters, cousins and friends of the mountain girls who came pleaded earnestly to be taken in. It was so hard to refuse them but the rooms must be kept in order so that we may admit the 38 pupils who pay. We hope the time will come when mission schools will be sufficiently independent to allow us to fill the house with such as have not means to pay tuition, and for whose mental, moral and spiritual welfare there is none to care but this school."

1889 — November

1889, Nov. 12 - To - Miss Alice Blake, Rociada, New Mexico, (Letter of Miss H. E. Bennet Secy)
Your interesting letter came to hand and was presented to our Executive Committee. We sympathize in the lonliness of your position and rejoice that your work is making its impression, and that a spirit of freedom is abroad. We give our approval to your plan of being Post Mistress, but it must have the approval of our School Committee, meeting November 25th, before taking further steps in the matter.

1889, Nov. 16, - To - Miss Mary S. Fitz Randolph, Yonkers, N. Y. (Letter by Miss M. E. Rogers)
The article by Mrs. Bainbridge in the November issue of "Silver Cross" relates to work among the Mountain Whites under the care of our Woman's Executive Committee. Her appeal has met with such prompt and hearty response that all of the ten dollar scholarships in the Chapel Day School at Asheville are now pledged, but we shall be glad indeed if the $10.- voted to this work by your circle of Kings Daughters can be applied to the scholarship fund of the Asheville Industrial School, the work to which Mrs. Bainbridge refers when she mentioned "the school containing 133 of these Cracker girls."

One girl who entered the school last year for the first time, after a few days spent there inquired of one of her companions: "Does this Mr. Jesus I hear you talk about so much, live in this country?" Only think of it, a girl, fourteen years of age, who had never heard the name of the Dear Elder Brother, or known anything of His love for all mankind.

1889 – November

1889 – Nov. 21st – To – Miss Graham – (no address)

You are still in the transition state at Oakland Institute and all such states of unrest are more or less trying, but we believe you have the force of character and Christian fortitude to make the best of the circumstances.

Our Board has refused to allow a third teacher, but will, we think, grant the assistance in musical instruction asked, and for the present we must do the best we can for the classes.

We ask if you will try to take the class in higher mathematics, and such classes as are now unprovided for, with Miss Low's assistance, in the afternoon, the young ladies being excused from their domestic duties for these recitations.

As Oakland Institute is supposed to be self-supporting we cannot ask for contributions of money for it as for our other schools, it being established upon an entirely different basis. We have hoped it might be in the South what Mt. Holyoke has been and still is in the North, pre-eminently a Christian training school: while it is not a missionary school in the sense that it is to be supported by contributions from others, we do expect it to be as thoroughly a Christian school, as the best of our missionary schools. As Mary Lyon's spirit still lives at Mt. Holyoke so we are hoping for the same unselfish, self-consecration of Christian life in Oakland Institute that has made Mt. Holyoke so pre-eminently a blessing to the entire world from the time of its establishment to the present day.

You cannot tell what earnest desire has been felt by the Woman's Executive Committee for this school which, with the Home Industrial School has been so notably God's direct gift.

Will you kindly read this letter to to your associates at the Institute for I fear some remark of mine when they were in New York has made a false impression regarding the Institute.

Have you a weekly prayer meeting of teachers among yourselves for blessing and guidance? The foundation of Oakland Institute must be laid in prayer or we shall utterly fail to accomplish what is so greatly desired in our work there.

Faithfully yours in Christian Endeavor

Mary E. James,

(Mrs. D.R.)

1889 — December

1889, Dec. 6th, — To — Mrs. E. R. Perkins, 1538 Euclid Ave, Cleveland, Ohio.
Will it be too great a request to ask you to be present at a conference called by the Woman's Executive Committee with the School Committee of the Board of Home Missions and the Secretaries of the Board to adjust and strengthen the work of the Woman's Executive Committee? You know we have outgrown our swaddling clothes which bound us ten years ago, and we find sometimes that our limitations are repressive to the best growth; so this meeting has been called to consider the work of the future. (Letter of Mrs. D. R. James)

1889, Dec. 6th. — To — Mrs. C. L. Bailey, 31 So. Front St, Harrisburg, Pa.
Next Thursday, December 12th at ten o'clock A. M. a very important meeting with the School Committee and Secretaries of the Board of Home Missions has been called by the Woman's Executive Committee as many matters which have long needed adjustment will be brought before the conference. We must have the presence of the important members of our Committee among whom you are prominent. Do not let anything keep you from this meeting except sickness or death.
(Letter of Mrs. D. R. James)

1889, Dec. 16, — To — Miss Anna Skea, Tama, Iowa. (Letter of Mrs. D. E. Finks)
My attention has just been called to the fact that you have forwarded your subscription for the Home Mission Monthly. We are in the habit of sending it without charge to our teachers. xx I am very glad to have even this opportunity to write you. My own absence from the office at the time your work was transferred to the care of the Board of Home Missions is the reason you have not heard from me sooner.
We shall be pleased to hear from you very fully about the work and will be pleased if you will kindly write something which might be used in the February number of the Home Mission Monthly.

1899 December

Letters from Miss S. F. Lincoln, Treas.

1899, Dec. 11 – To Miss Margaret H. Webster, Mayaguez, Puerto Rico.

I cannot tell how sorry I am that you were so long without your furniture. Everything seemed to conspire against your getting it sooner.

On Saturday Rev. J. Milton Greene, D.D. and wife sailed from this port for San Juan, Puerto Rico. Please write your impressions of the work now that you have been there long enough to form an idea of the needs of the people.

1899, Dec. 15 – To – Mrs. M. Cornell, Seneca Castle, N.Y.

It is customary for the presbyterial officer receiving letters from the missionary supported by the presbyterial society, to make or have made a number of copies for circulation among the auxiliaries. This seems the simplest and best way for disseminating information. Perhaps a number of young ladies in your church will make three or four copies each regularly, for you to send around. We would not advise you to wait for societies to ask for the letters for that would make unnecessary correspondence and the local secretaries would never know just when to send for them.

1899, Dec. 15, To – Miss Laura Gerbert, 329 Main St., Orange, N.J.

From Mrs. Pierson you have learned of conditions at Gunnison, Utah. With deep regret we accepted the resignations of Mrs. and Miss Green. They have served long and faithfully, and we should have been glad to have them continue in our service. We rejoice, however that their home is in Gunnison, for we know that they will continue their missionary work and their influence will be for good always. A christian home in the midst of Mormonism means not a little for our Lord Jesus Christ.

After due deliberation it seems wise to close the school at Gunnison and, instead of a teacher, to place a missionary there to visit from house to house, conduct a sewing class, a Sunday school and instruct the older people as far as possible in Christianity. Miss Mary H. Hemenway was selected to take that work as one eminently fitted for it. Her parents are still Mormons but not polygamists. Miss Mary was for several years under the direct care of Mrs. and Miss Blackburn at St. George, Utah. When they returned to their home in Tennessee they pleaded earnestly (over)

that she might be received into the Normal and Collegiate Institute at Asheville, North Carolina, and thus fitted to return to teach among her own people. She is now so anxious about the younger children of her family that she is supporting one sister in our Academy at Mount Pleasant, Utah, and craves the privilege of having a younger sister with her. We commend to your loving care this faithful worker.

Letters from Miss S. F. Lincoln, Treas

1899 – December

1899, Dec. 15, – To – Mrs. H. S. Champlin, Buffalo, N.Y.
The work in Utah is so uncertain that we cannot tell how many years we will be called upon to continue school work there. We hope that the public school system will meet the educational requirements though, of course, Christian training will not be found in them: therefore, missionary work will be needed for many years to come. This is a critical time and we must not withdraw our forces. The loyalty of our auxiliaries is very encouraging and helpful.

1899, Dec. 19, To – Miss Northrop, 29 E. 29th St., New York City.
Through your friend, Miss White, we learn that an acquaintance of yours, about to make her will desires to bequeath to an educational institution $1,000.– to be invested as a permanent scholarship. We would like therefore to call attention to the school for Mountain White girls at Hot Springs, North Carolina; That institution accommodates fifty girls who have classroom training and are also taught household industries and thus fitted for life work.
$1000.– invested would secure a permanent scholarship, and year after year one girl could receive an education that might otherwise be denied her. After one had completed her course another would be selected and so on as long as the institution is maintained. In case it should, for any reason, pass from our care in the distant future, the money would revert to our Board to be re-invested for a similar work thus insuring a perpetuity of the benefit. We will gladly give further information upon application. We enclose the legal form of bequest.

1889 December

Letters of Mrs. D.E. Finks, Secy

1889, Dec. 19th – To – Mrs. A. Holbrook, 108 Salem St., Portland, Oregon

At the time your letter reached our office, I was away on account of ill health. Returning to take up my duties, I found your letter on my desk, and lest you have not received official notification with regard to the Umatilla Indian work, I take this opportunity of writing.
We will certainly recognize the effort of the Board of the North Pacific to raise the 1000.– toward this work and give you credit for the same. The funds will of course pass through our treasury and be devoted to the object which you designate. The Board of Home Missions have been giving serious consideration to this Umatilla field, and have received several propositions with regard to the work xx and will doubtless communicate their decision to the Synod.
We recognize and appreciate the very earnest wish of the ladies of the North Pacific Board to co-operate with the Woman's Executive Committee and thank you for the expression of good will.

1889, Dec. 26 – To – Miss Fannie Hanford, 29 D St., S.E., Washington, D.C.

You are quite right in your conclusion that the stories circulated by one who has been in Alaska are not founded on fact; there is very serious misapprehension on the part of your informant. Certainly, the United States Government assists in a measure in the conduct of our school; they grant part aid in the expenses of 100 pupils. In the Sitka School we have nearly 200 and for about one half we meet the entire expense; the amount received from the Government even in the case of 100 pupils is not nearly enough to give them the careful instruction in the class room, in mechanical arts, in domestic duties, and to provide food and clothing, to say nothing of the religious and cultural training they receive. We supplement this fund therefore and must do so from the contributions of missionary societies. Should missionary societies withhold their contributions, we shall be obliged to send away one half of our pupils and would have a large deficit in meeting the expenses of the other half.
Now, regarding the physician. We are looking for the right man to take charge of hospital work. Funds are coming for a boys' hospital. At present we have only a ward for girls. We have had a physician and since his engagement with us terminated, we have secured service from the Government physician, but as soon as the proper person is found we expect to send one to give his entire time to patients in the hospital and to practice among the poor and wretched natives who otherwise would have no attention.

1899 – December

Letters from Miss S. P. Lincoln, Treas.

1899, Dec. 27 – To – Mrs. Charles E. Walker, San Francisco, Calif.

Mrs. Pierson asks me to reply to your letter, so much of which pertains to finances. Several California letters have come telling of the good work you are doing. We are grateful indeed. I will today approve your traveling account and ask Mr. Olin to remit the amount due you.

After canvassing in the office the matter of your continuing work, it was presented ~~to the presented~~ to the Woman's Board yesterday and all agreed that it was desirable to have the work continued, but the matter of expense needs consideration because at this season of the year our receipts are uncertain. We are now indebted to the bank for $30,000.– and have not enough coming in to meet expenses. Of course this condition always faces us at this season so we must be careful about further appropriations. It was decided, however, by the women that you be requested to continue in California for two months at the rate of $60.– per month and travelling expenses. This will enable you when necessary to hold two or more meetings in one town. We appreciate the fact that the second meeting usually has a larger attendance than the first. Seed-sowing in California is desirable. We expect the people served to arrange for your entertainment, and the collections at each meeting to be for our work. We truly hope you can give us this amount of time for the remuneration offered.

Yesterday Mrs. James read a letter from Mr. Taylor, Chairman of the Committee on Investigation of the Roberts case. He seemed very confident that Roberts would not be allowed to take his seat. Dr. Josiah Strong recently stated that action has been taken already toward an ammendment to the Constitution, prohibiting polygamists from holding office, and making polygamy a punishable offense in every state of the Union. We shall be glad to see the California items on Mormon aggressiveness mentioned in your letter. If Roberts is not to take his seat in the House, Mormonism will receive an awful blow, but not its death blow, we fear.

1899 — December

Letters from S. F. Lincoln, Treas

1899, Dec. 27 – To – Mrs. H. E. Perry, Troy, Pa.

Replying to your recent favor, would say that teachers' homes are still needed for workers among the Mountain People of the South. It is almost impossible for a northern bred woman to live with the mountaineers and eat at their table. These kinsfolk of ours have not had training in house-keeping and cooking and they are far from tidy. Their menu is very meager, consisting principally of bacon and salaratus biscuit.

Our teachers do much better work and have better health when they can have their own little homes.

1899, Dec. 27 – To – Mrs. L. E. Gurley, Troy, N. Y.

As the special anti-Mormon Committee has been discharged your recent favor containing $10.-, addressed to Mrs. F. S. Bennett, Treasurer, has been handed to me to be used toward paying for the literature disseminated during the campaign. We all rejoice at the outcome of the war against polygamy, for we believe that there is not now the slightest possibility of Roberts being admitted to the House of Representatives. This will be a great blow to Mormonism, but we fear not its death blow.